

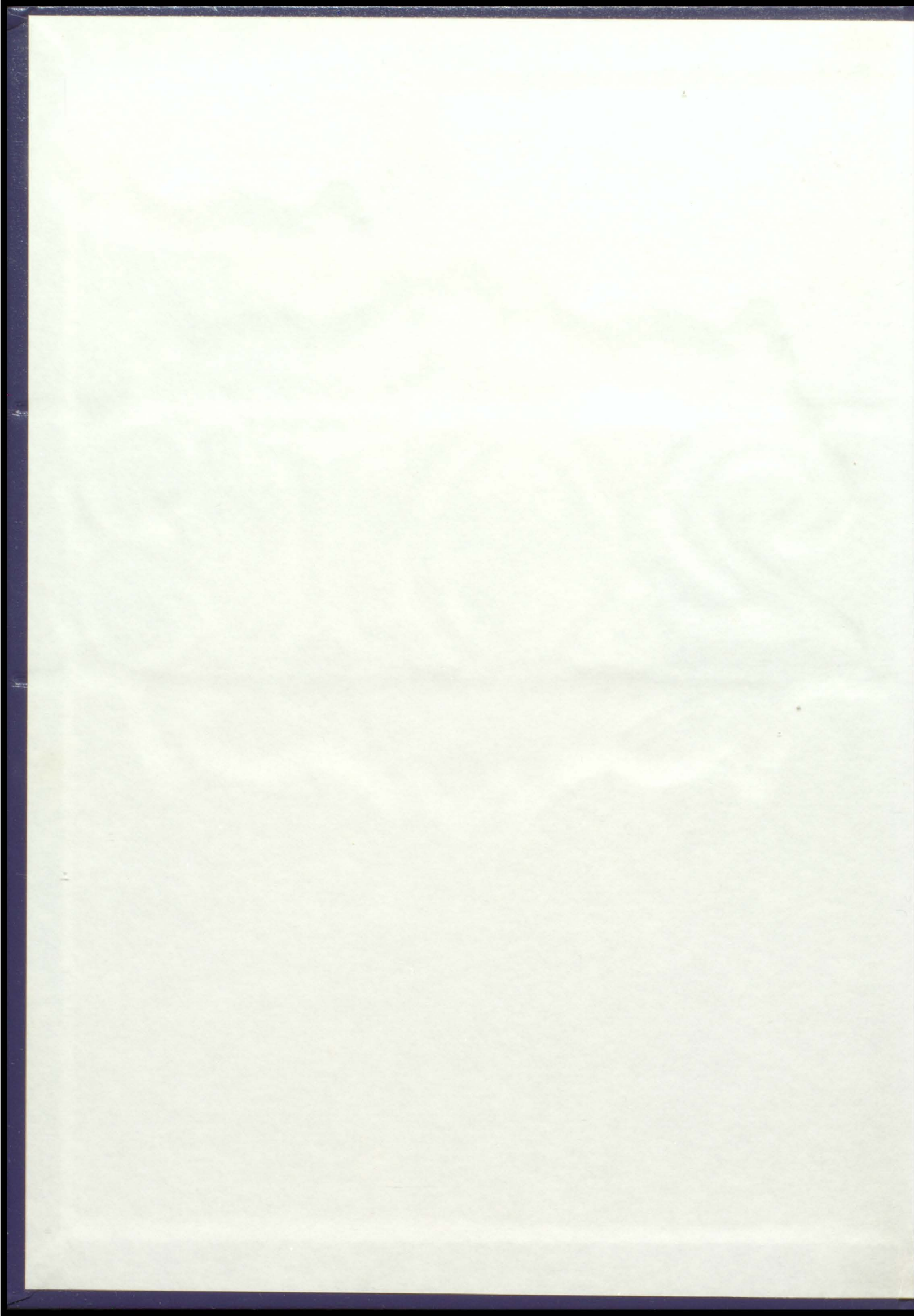


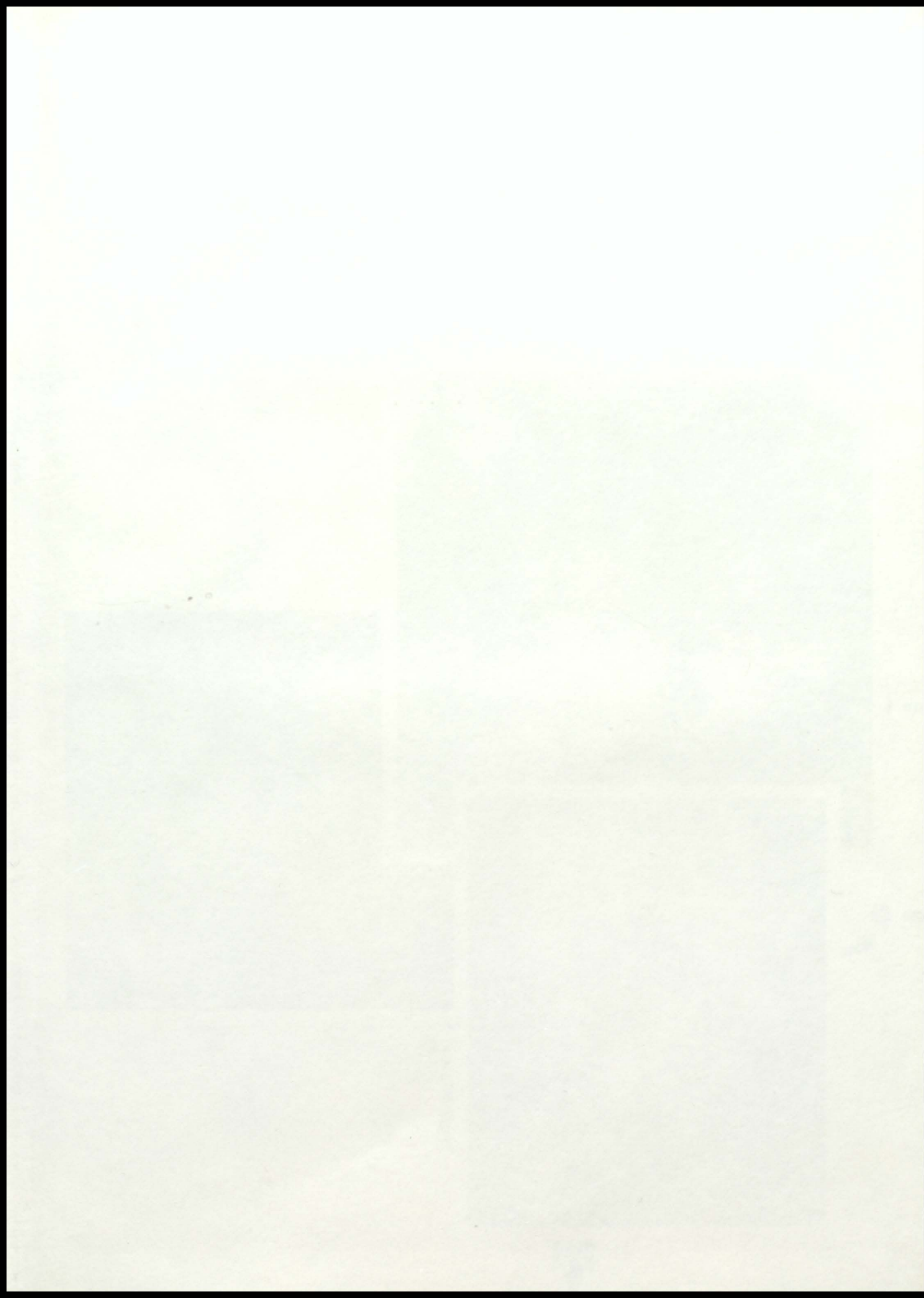
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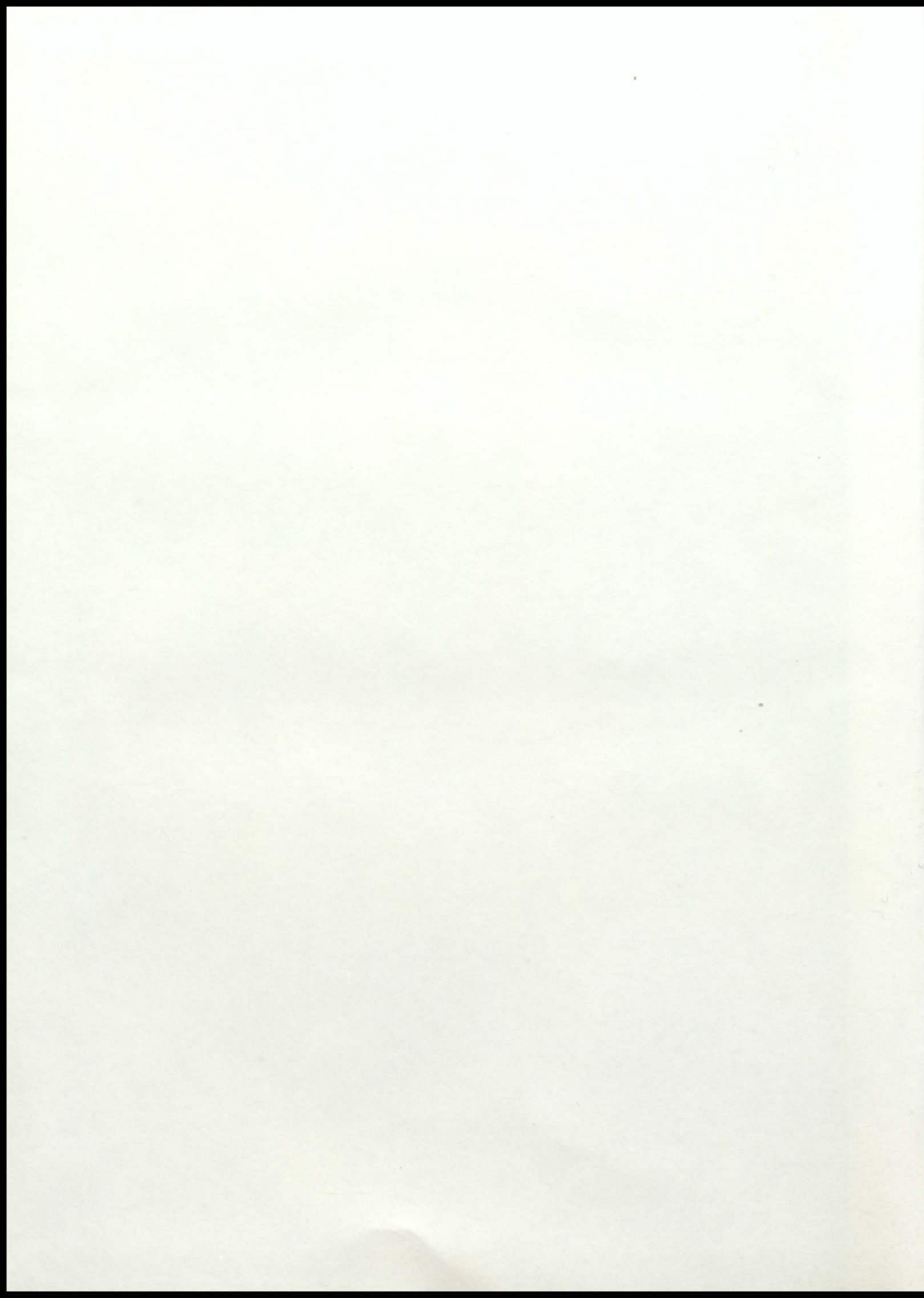


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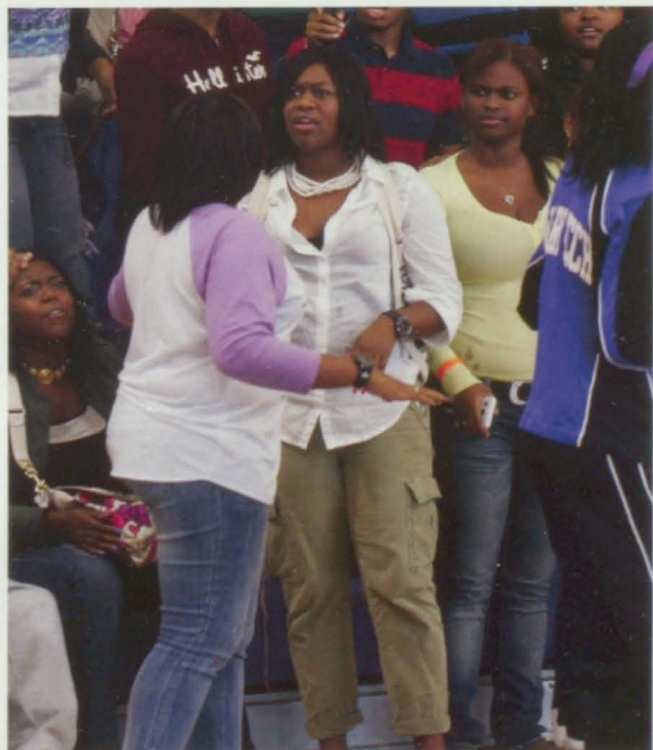




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# *Started from the bottom*





now we're here





# Seniors



*Geneleé Abreu*



*Kevin Agejeman*



*Allegra Alexander*



*Samantha Allen*



*Anicia Alphonse*



*Iana Amsterdam*



*Semaj Andrews*



*Marlon Andries*



*Franklin Arce*



*Nai-Taijah Austin*



*Zakiejah Banks*



*Shanice Barclift*





*Gabriela Belesaca*



*Brianna Bell*



*Sakeenah Blackmon*



*Teynasia Brown*



*Jaegla Bush*



*Katherine Camacho*



*Labriah Camel*



*Francisco Canales*



*Tanasia Carter*



*Faegona Casimir*



*Chantal Castano*



*Ravaghn Catoe*

# *Seniors*



# Seniors



*Kateja Claros*



*Tada Cleburn*



*Imani Coleman*



*Eni-Jah Cornick*



*Lidia Cortez*



*Nagee-Jah Coursee*



*Jonathan Craan*



*Jacquens Crarke*



*Darell Criollo*



*Destiny Cunningham*



*Madeline De La Cruz*



*Latoeja Dixon*





*Rejan Drigpaul*



*Justin Eke*



*Vallere Espinal*



*Ana Farfan*



*Benjamin Fiadonou*



*Sheela Firpo*



*Barbara Fonseca*



*Abimael Fuentes*



*Alexis Gonzalez*



*Dawn Green*



*Lataejlor Hamer*



*Gabriel Hernandez*

# Seniors



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*Dominique Hill*



*Ivante Hinnant*



*Natalia Hinton*



*Nila Hinton*



*Thadiere Hunter*



*Monique Hunter*



*Warlene Infante*



*Shaun Jackson*



*Sofia Jaramillo*



*Deron Jennings*



*Naketa Johnson*



*Haneef Jones*





*Jasmine Jones*



*Kasib Jones*



*Toneja Jones*



*Makesse Kamara*



*Hans Laborde*



*Shadeana Lambert*



*Denzel Langley*



*Jose Leon*



*Natogja Llojd*



*Sajada Lockhart*



*Trinidad Luciano*



*Bernardo Luna*

# Seniors



# Seniors



*Gladies Macancela*



*Darelys Made*



*Dhaamin Mallard*



*Celeste Manzo*



*Adrian Martinez*



*Javier Martinez*



*Star Mathis*



*Teyler Mathurin*



*Qudair Maxwell*



*Kianna Maejers*



*Marissa Mccoy*



*Kaila Melendez*





*Vierline Mendez*



*Kerr Minor*



*Daquan Mobley*



*Rajaana Molette*



*Charles Montague*



*Kwason Morris*



*Asia Moses*



*Ameenah Muhammad*



*Minelezz Muniz*



*Dwagne Murrill*



*Jehoshua Newell*



*Sheena Noel*

# *Seniors*



# Seniors



*Aejodele Oputalaejo*



*Jovian Osborne*



*Anejah Owens*



*Victor Parada*



*Luis Penaloza*



*Jesuel Perez*



*Rachel Perez*



*Gladson Pierre*



*Vianca Pimentel*



*Michael Pinero*



*Jaimée Pinkett*



*John Portuhondo*





*Nixon Provillon*



*Wilma Quezada*



*Genesis Ramos*



*Christopher Reed*



*Khalani Reed*



*Carlos Rejes*



*Chelsea Richards*



*Karla Rios*



*Brionna Robinson*



*Delvi Rodriguez*



*Griserej Rodriguez*



*Sabrina Rodriguez*

# Seniors



# Seniors



*Omo-Taajo Sadik*



*Cristian Salazar*



*Ja-Naisah Salters*



*Juan Sanango*



*Ibrahim Sanders*



*Raheymilis Santos*



*Rachell Scott*



*Wesley Scott*



*Christopher Sheffield*



*Bill Silva*



*Shania Simmons*



*Sakejah Singlee*





*Nejeja Sowell*



*Keejhontai Storey*



*Tatejana Suggs*



*Siaba Swaraj*



*Katheja Terrero*



*Nikiri Thomas*



*Justin Tiller-Bruner*



*Ateja Trent*



*Shequina Trotman*



*Kemoko Turaaj*



*Miranda Tejes*



*Essence Underwood*

# Seniors



# Seniors



*Ariel Vargas*



*Catherine Vargas*



*Jammej Vargas*



*LaShell Vassell*



*Yessenia Vera*



*Alijah Walker*



*Al-Dquan Watson*



*Nasir White*



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*Nefell Williams*



*Zanieja Wilson*





*Travis Wint*



*Carmen Yela*

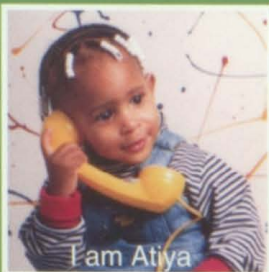
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*Rakwan Kelley*  
*Stephon Johnson*

# *Seniors*

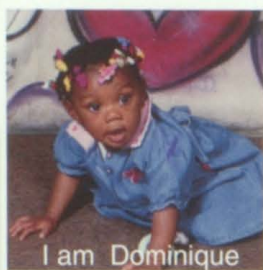


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Graduates!*

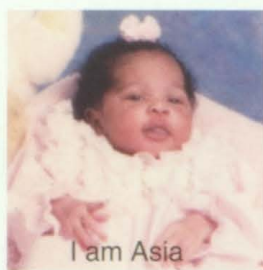




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I am Dominique



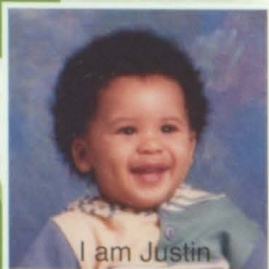
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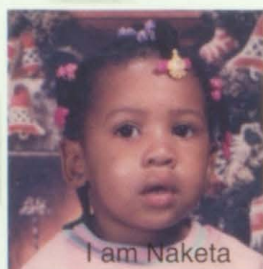
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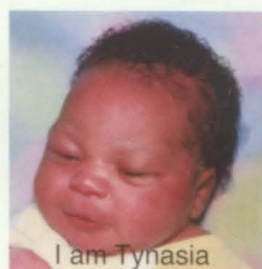
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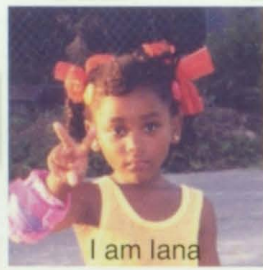
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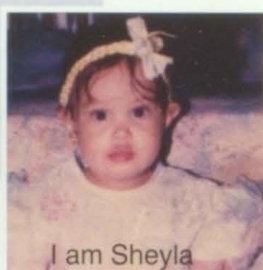
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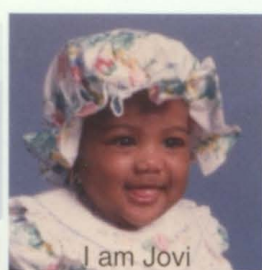
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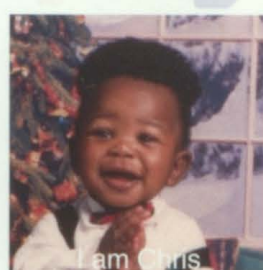
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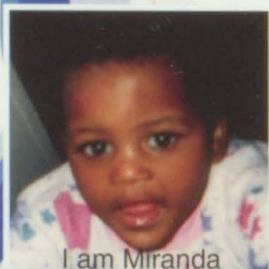
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I am Jovi



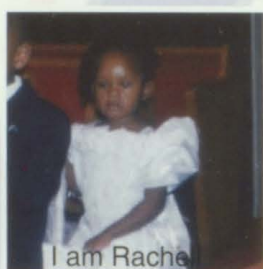
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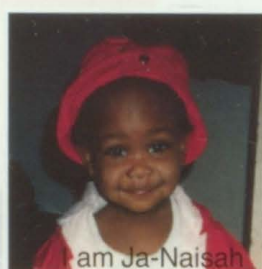
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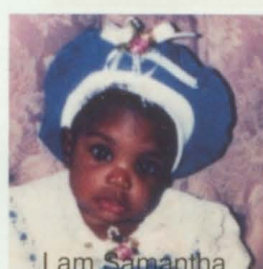
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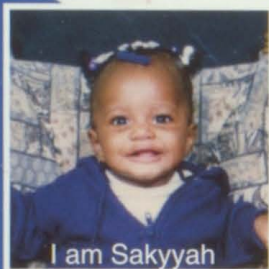
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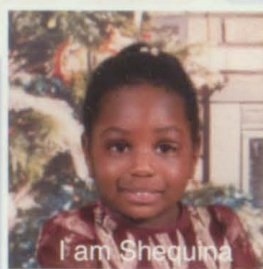
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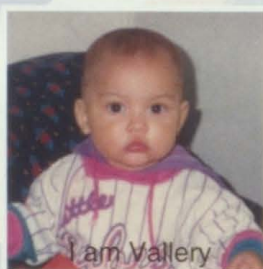
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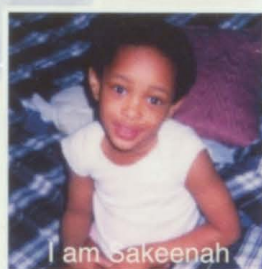
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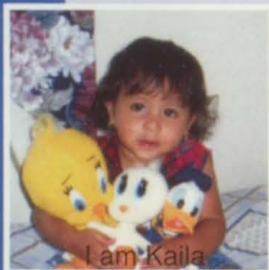
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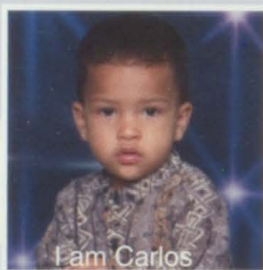
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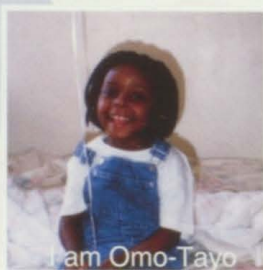
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I am Carlos



I am Omo-Tayo



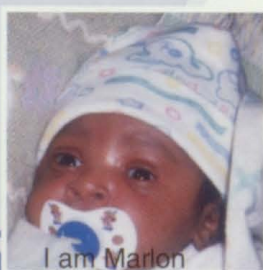
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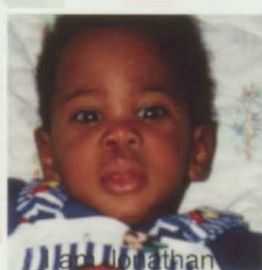
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I am Jonathan



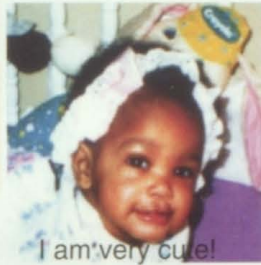
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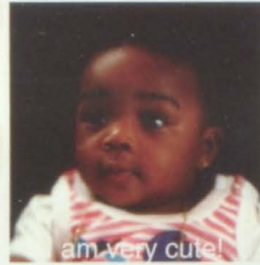
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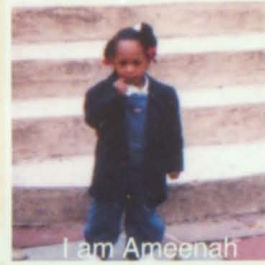
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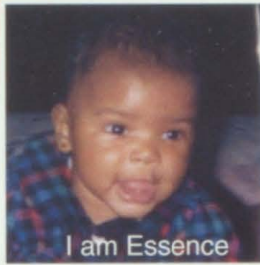
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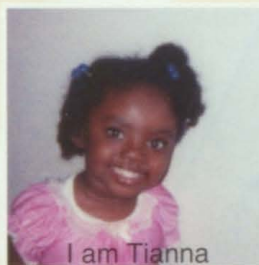
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I am La'Shell



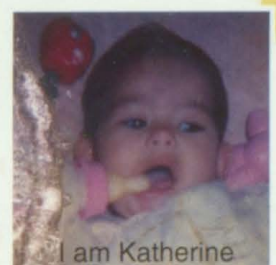
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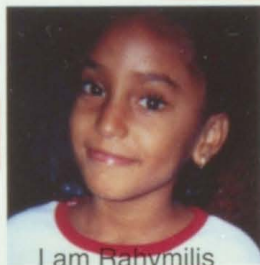
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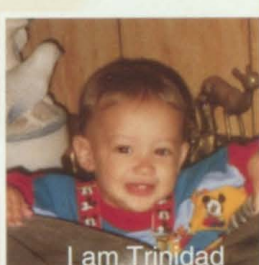
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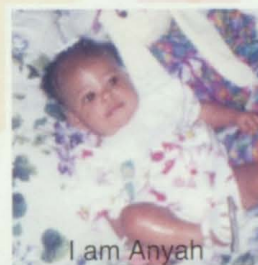
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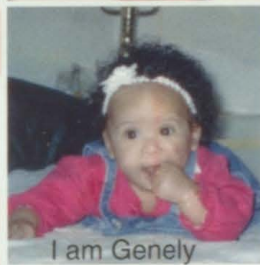
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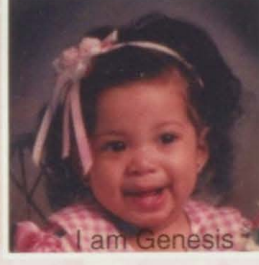
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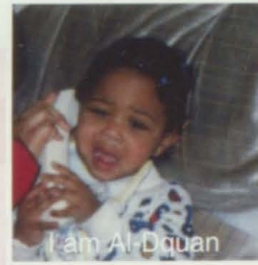
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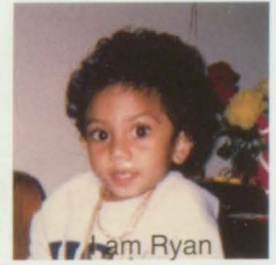
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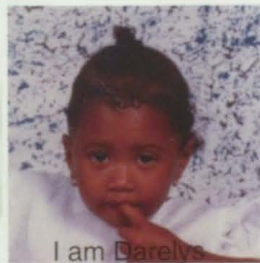
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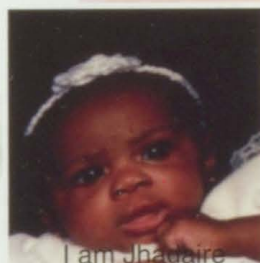
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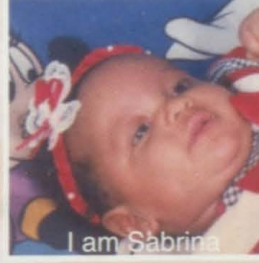
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I am Darelys



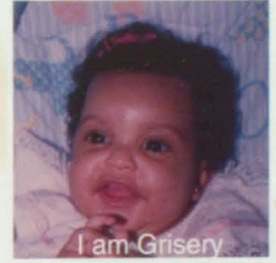
I am Jhacaire



I am Sabrina



I am Zakiyyah



I am Grisery



I am Ana



I am Keemontai



I am Kathya



I am Imani



I am Sofia





*Principal  
Oge Denis*



*Vice Principal  
Aejisha Robinson*



Mr. Denis and the  
morning crew



# Who was your favorite senior teacher?



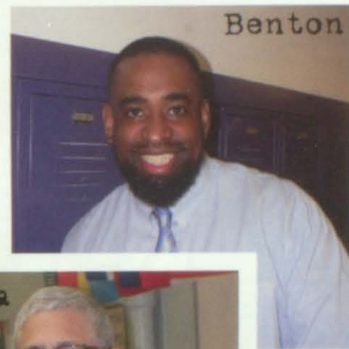
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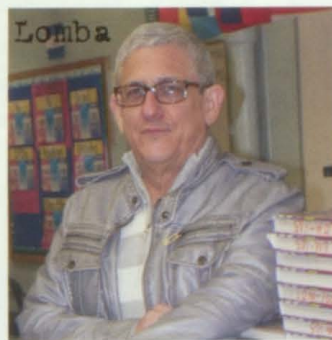
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White



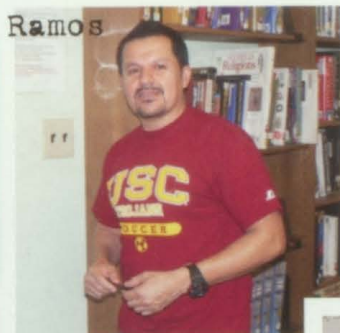
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Lomba



Hunter



Ramos



Johnson



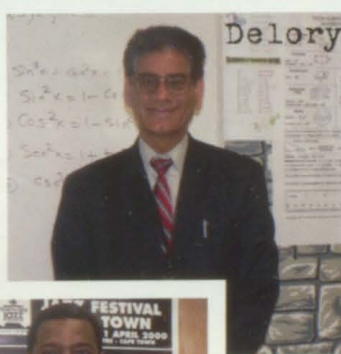
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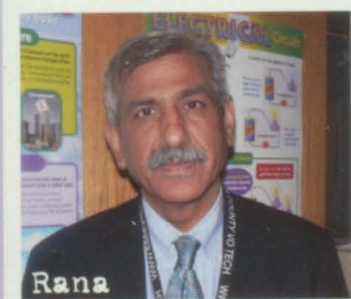
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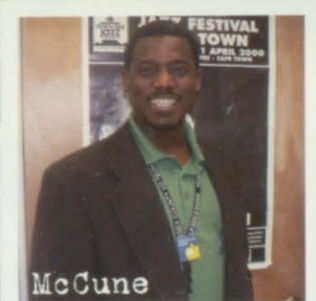
Phillips



Delory



Rana



McCune



Turner



Weshnak

Not pictured:

Ajazi Asiner Bisceglie Boah Bright Caban Calimano Carloni Constantino Dedalonis Derkacs Dickerson Gill Harris

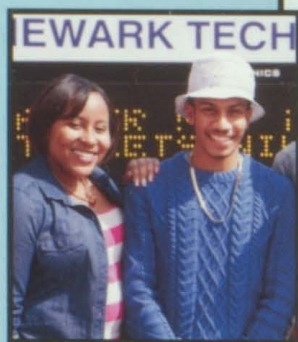
*Congratulations to each and every member of the Class of 2013. You are well prepared for the next part of your journey. Do the very best you can in all your endeavors. Stay in touch!*

Shoop Steinbach Tattlebaum Warnock

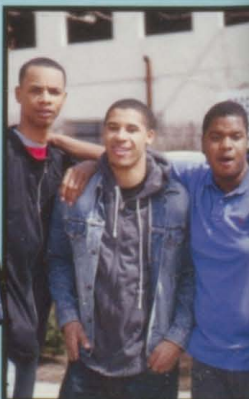
Howard Jones Julien Kay Koffi

Lester Lorenzo Love-Kelly Martinez Marti Melikh Mossey Nawrocki Ojo Percontino Ramos Rasheed Rock Shinn

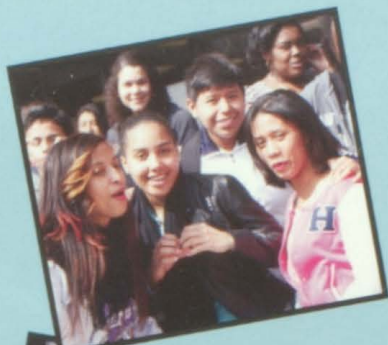
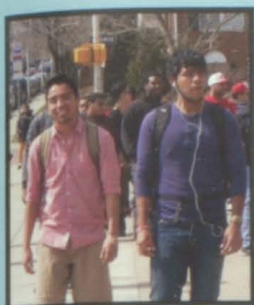




*Forever is a very long time. How is it that people can talk so casually about a concept that we cannot even wrap our minds around? Sometimes we have a friend and we sense that our souls are very closely connected. We know the connection is above time and space. We know that wherever we are in our lives, we will always remain friends. Even if we do not see each other for years, we are able to pick up right where we left off. This is what people mean when they say friends forever.*



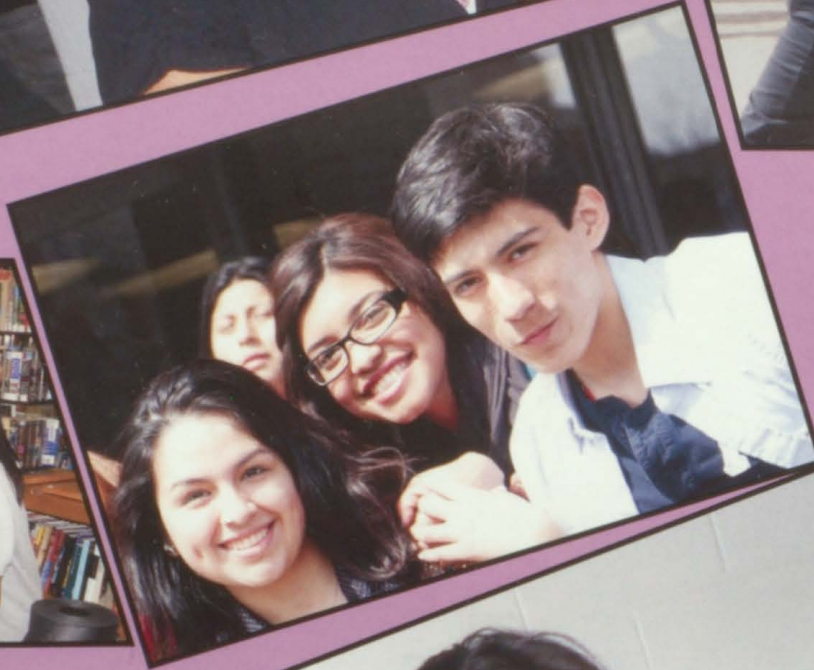
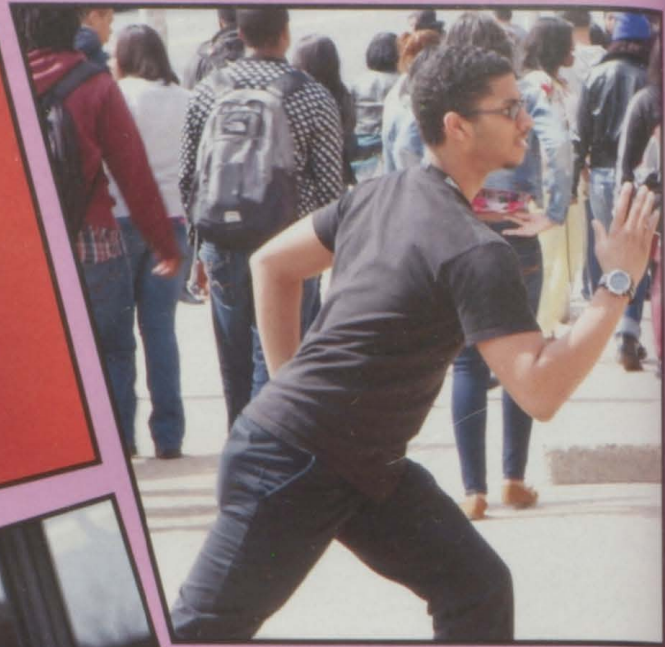




# Friends 4 Life



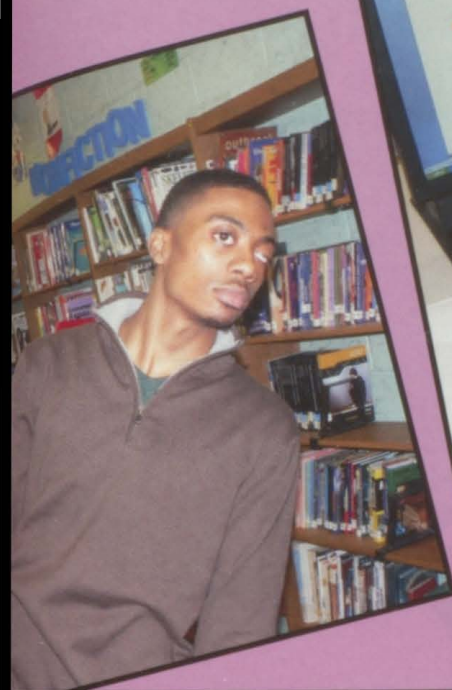




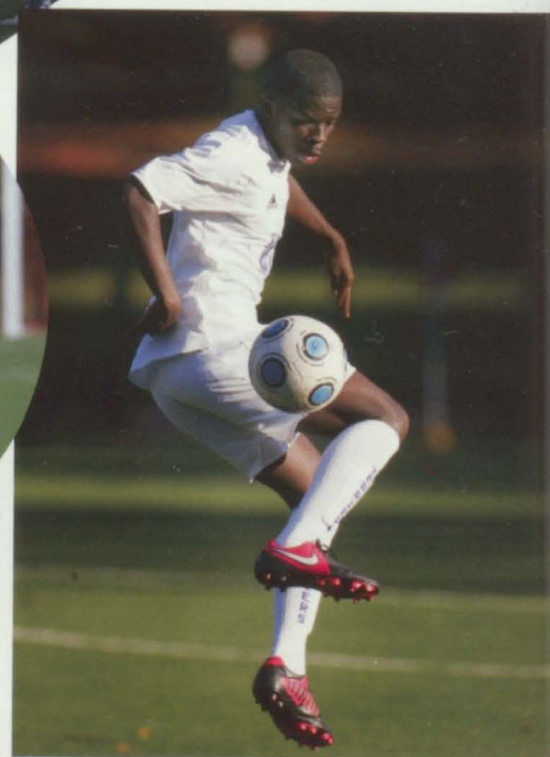
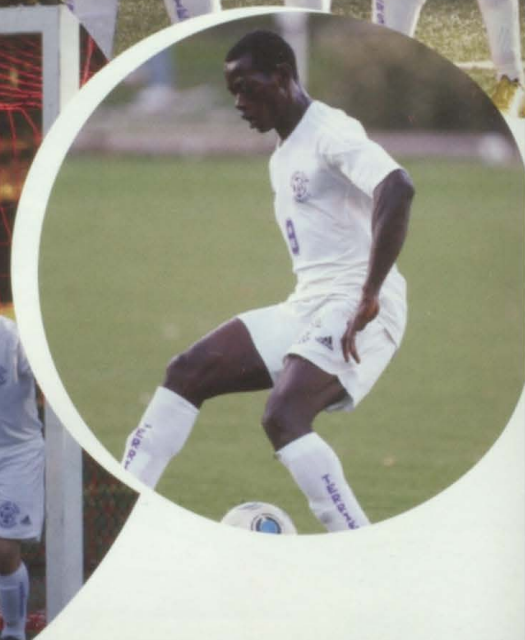
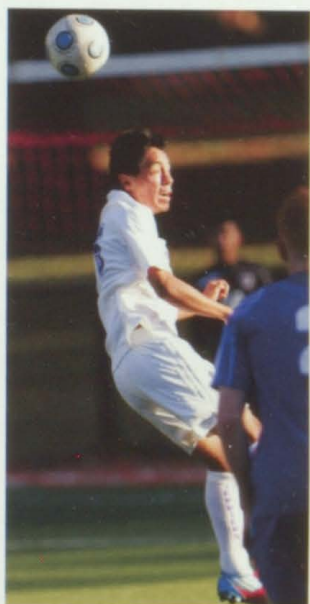
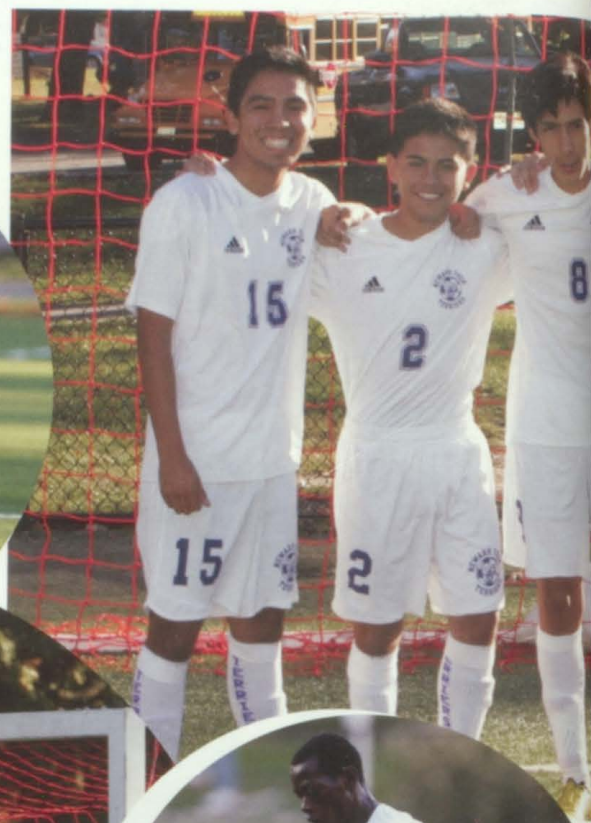


A cloudy day is  
no match...

for a sunny  
disposition



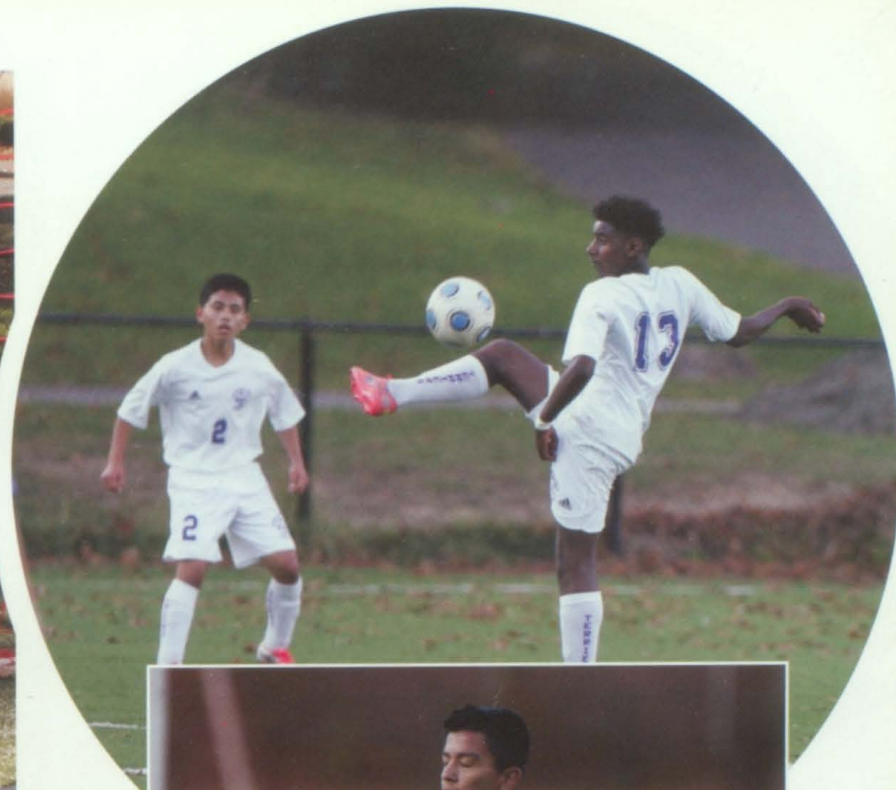








senior players

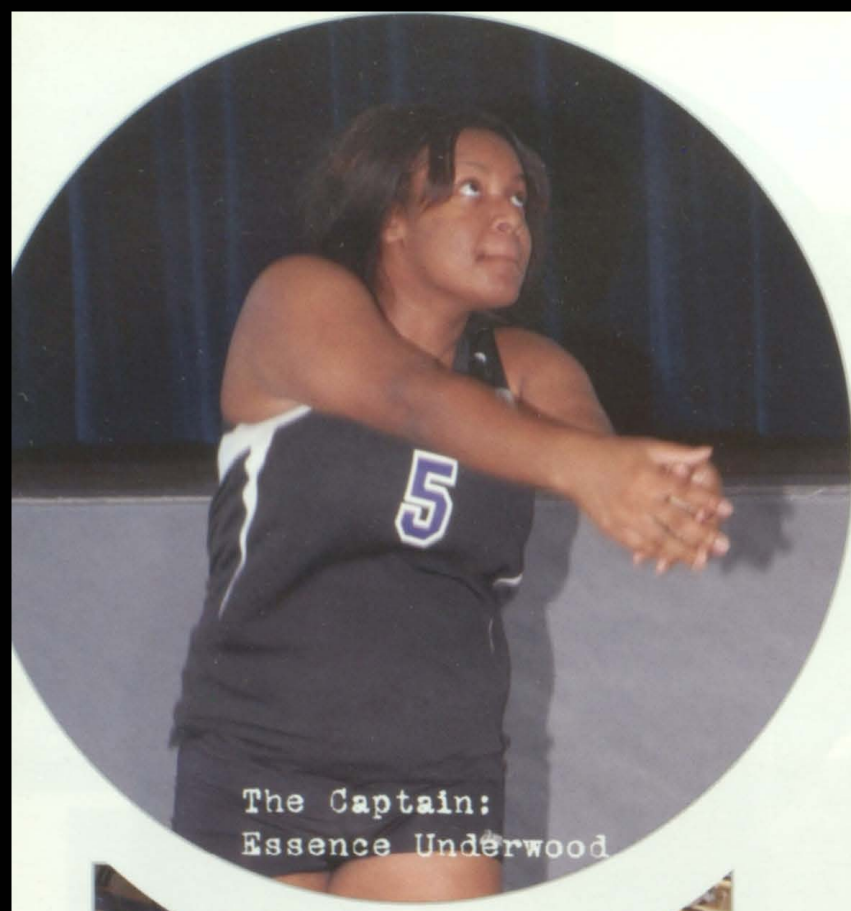


# Newark Tech Soccer Team.



Coach Ramos  
Coach Salmanowitz





The Captain:  
Essence Underwood



The Dream Team:  
Brionna, Essence, Sheena, Jovian,  
Star, Warleny, Asia, Barbara,  
Genely and Darellys

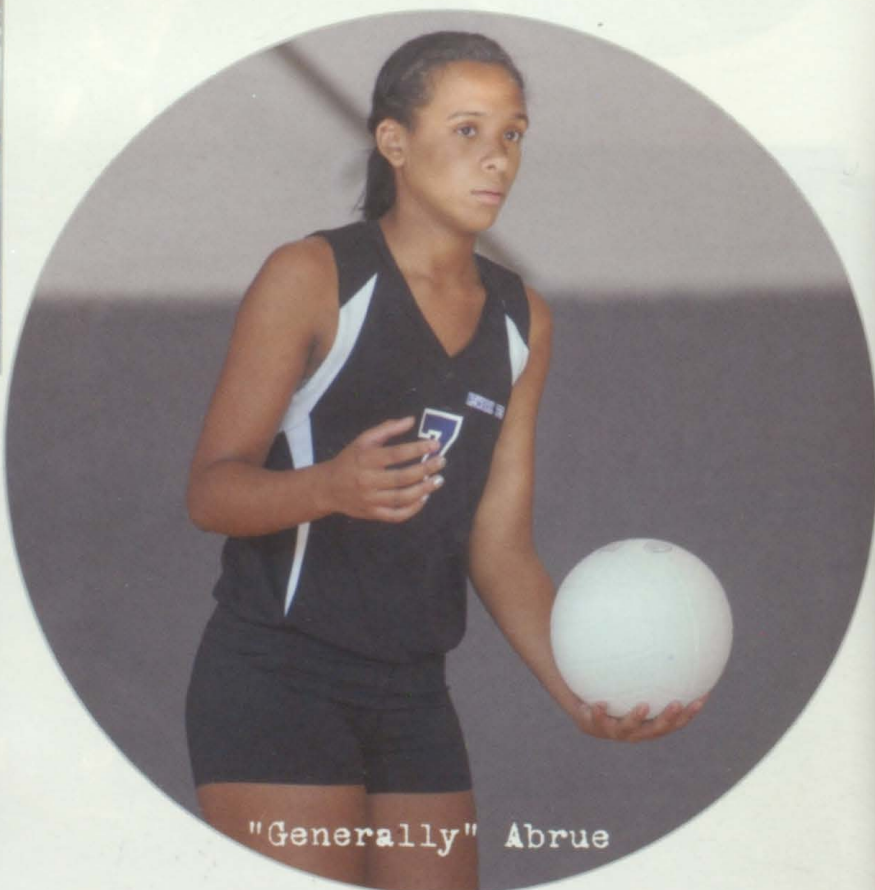
# Varsity Volleyball



Asia Moses



She's a Star  
(Mathis) alright!



"Generally" Abrue





Barbara Fonseca

*Who are we?*

*Tenniers!*

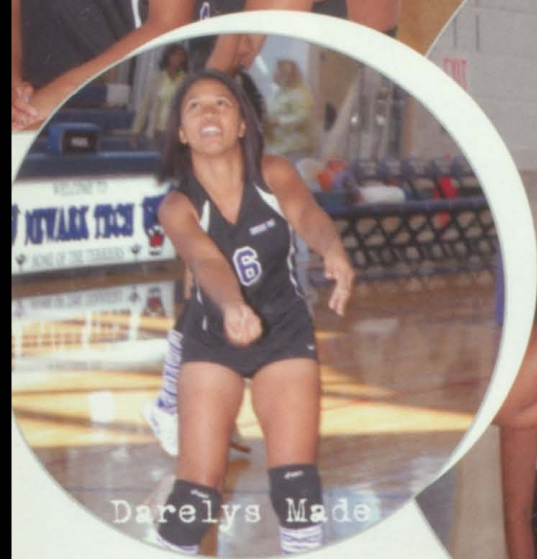
*Who are we?*

*Tenniers!*

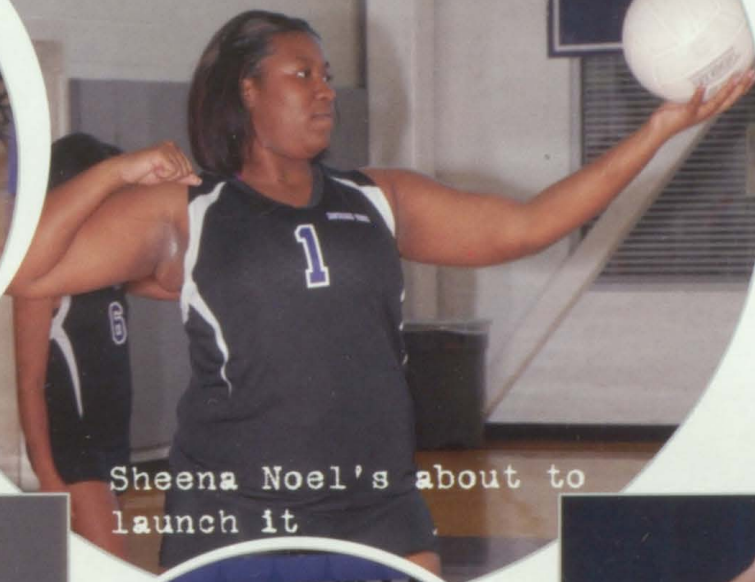
*What do we do?*

*Work!...*

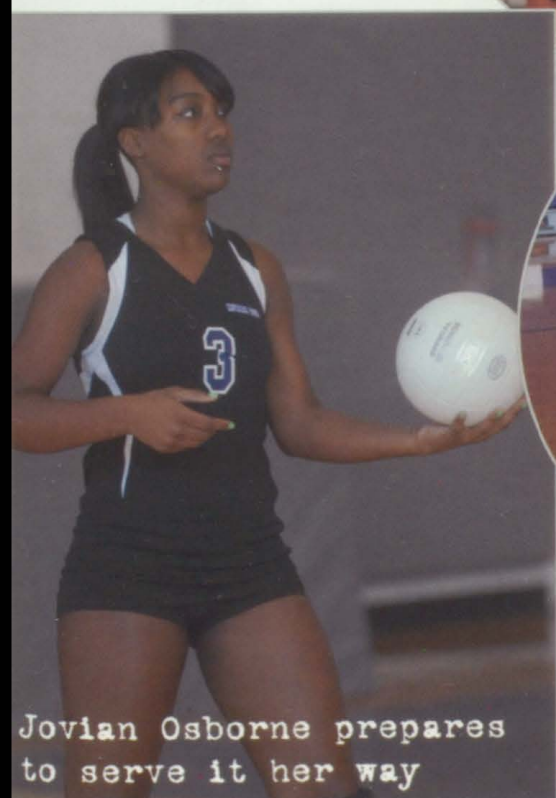
*YOU KNOWOW*



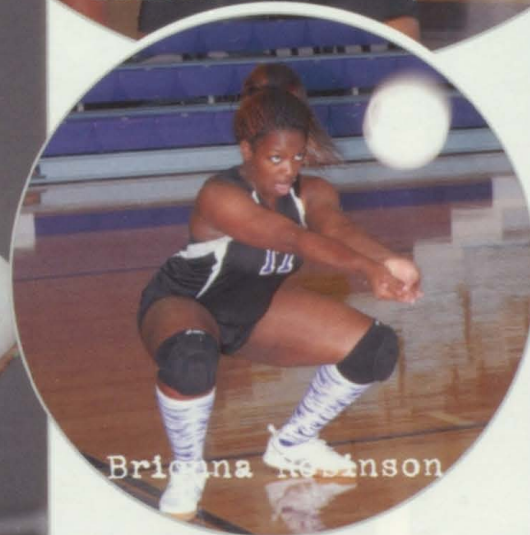
Darelys Made



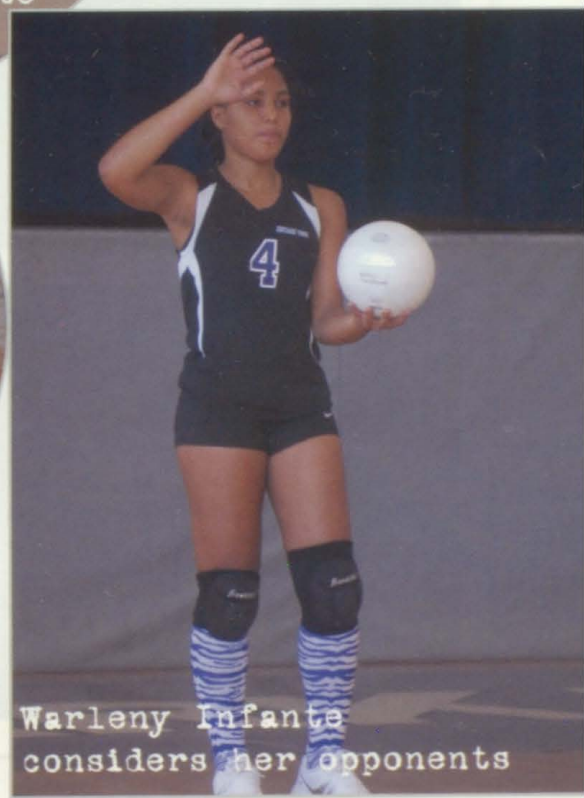
Sheena Noel's about to launch it



Jovian Osborne prepares to serve it her way

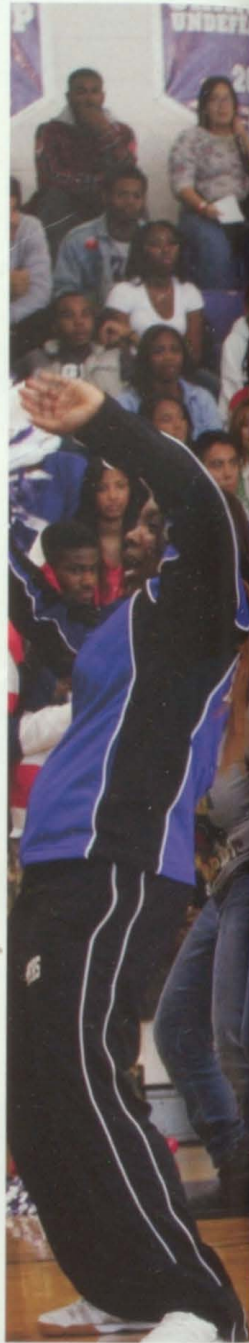


Brianna Robinson

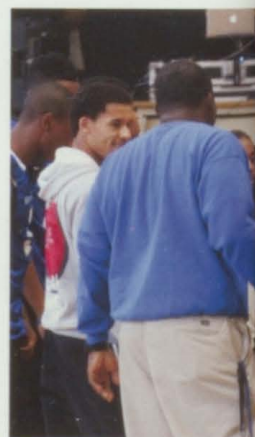
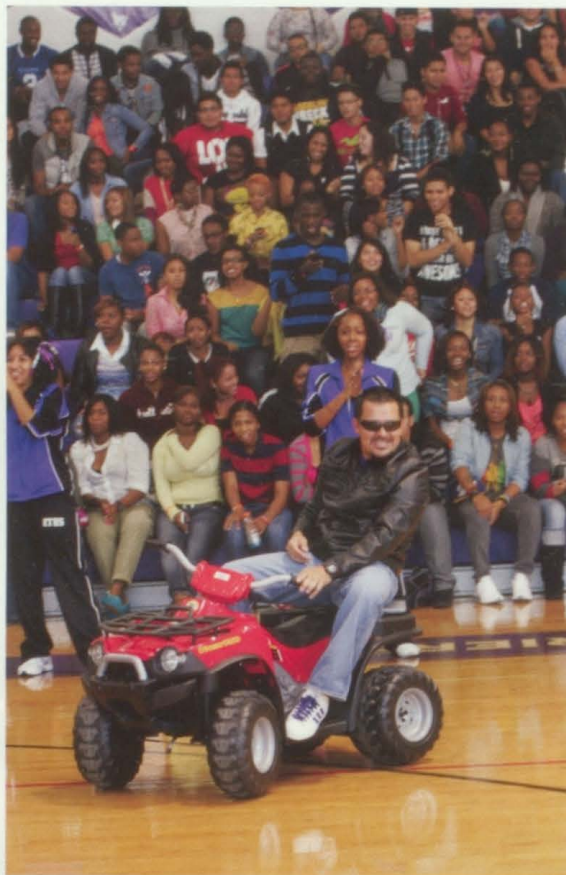


Warleny Infante considers her opponents

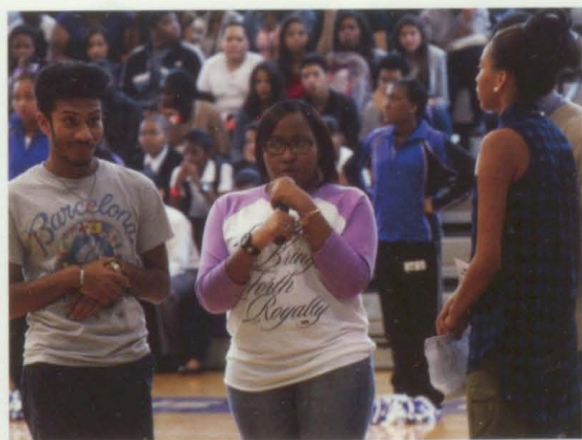




# Fall Pep Rally











Yes, they are brothers, but no they're not really twins



"Oh, sexy lady"



Best friends reppin' the UK



These two really look alike

# Twin Day



Double the trouble



Just adorable



Two rays of sunshine

They even went so far as to have matching socks

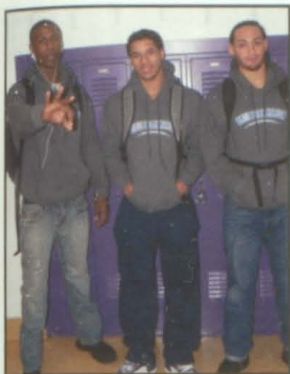


Can twins get married?

This is a good look, girls. You should 'run' with it







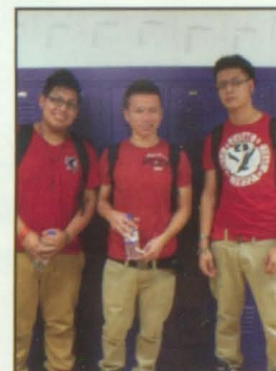
Triplets in the house



Too cute for words



Ms. Robinson & Mr. Denis as twins



Nice job, boys

Twin beauties!



He did it, not me

Sibrihim landers and Sheen!

Jovi cannot believe it



Big Sis with little sis



Nixon, honestly, it's okay



*Too cool for school!*



*Halloween Beauties*

*All hail Princess Sheena*



*Okay, Dawn.*



*Here come the zombies.*



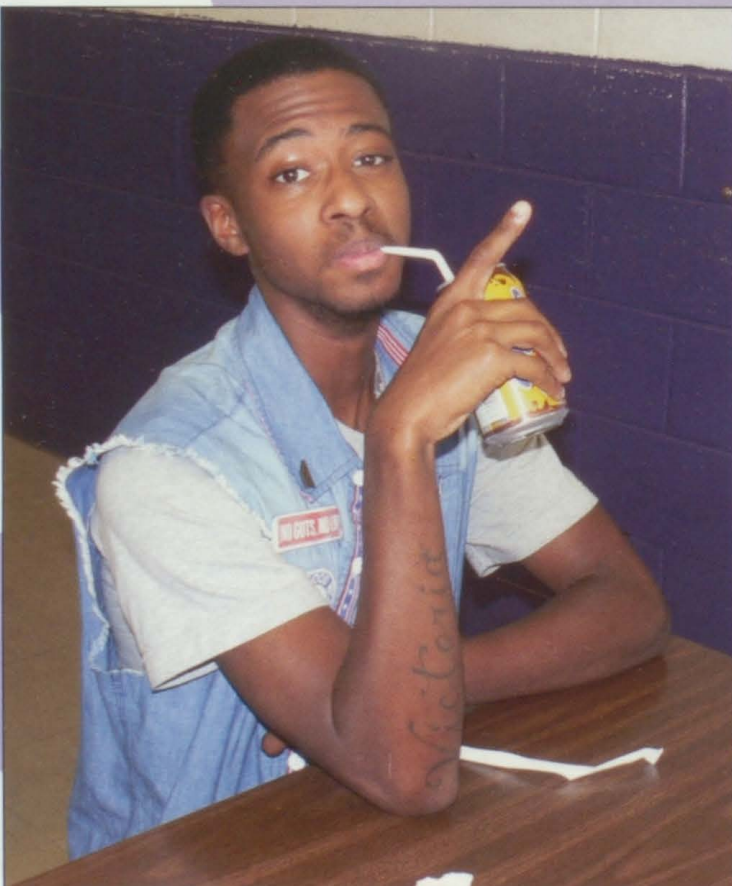
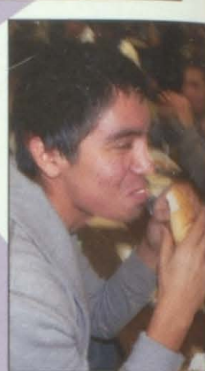


# Fall Fun

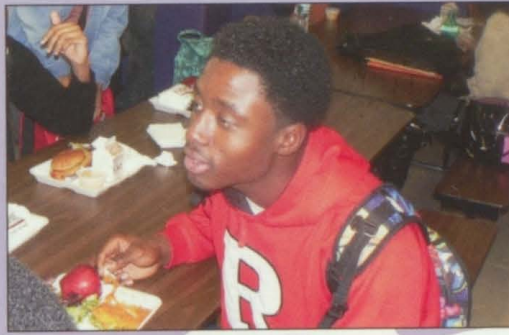
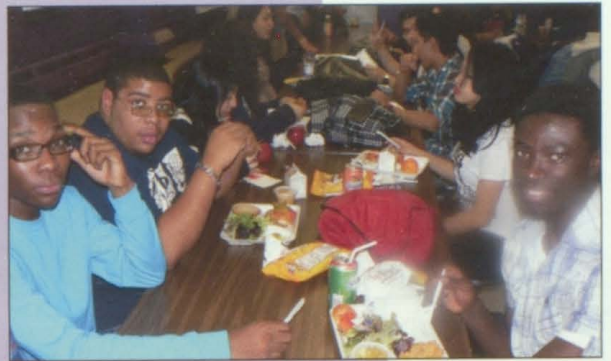
Rachell and  
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goods!









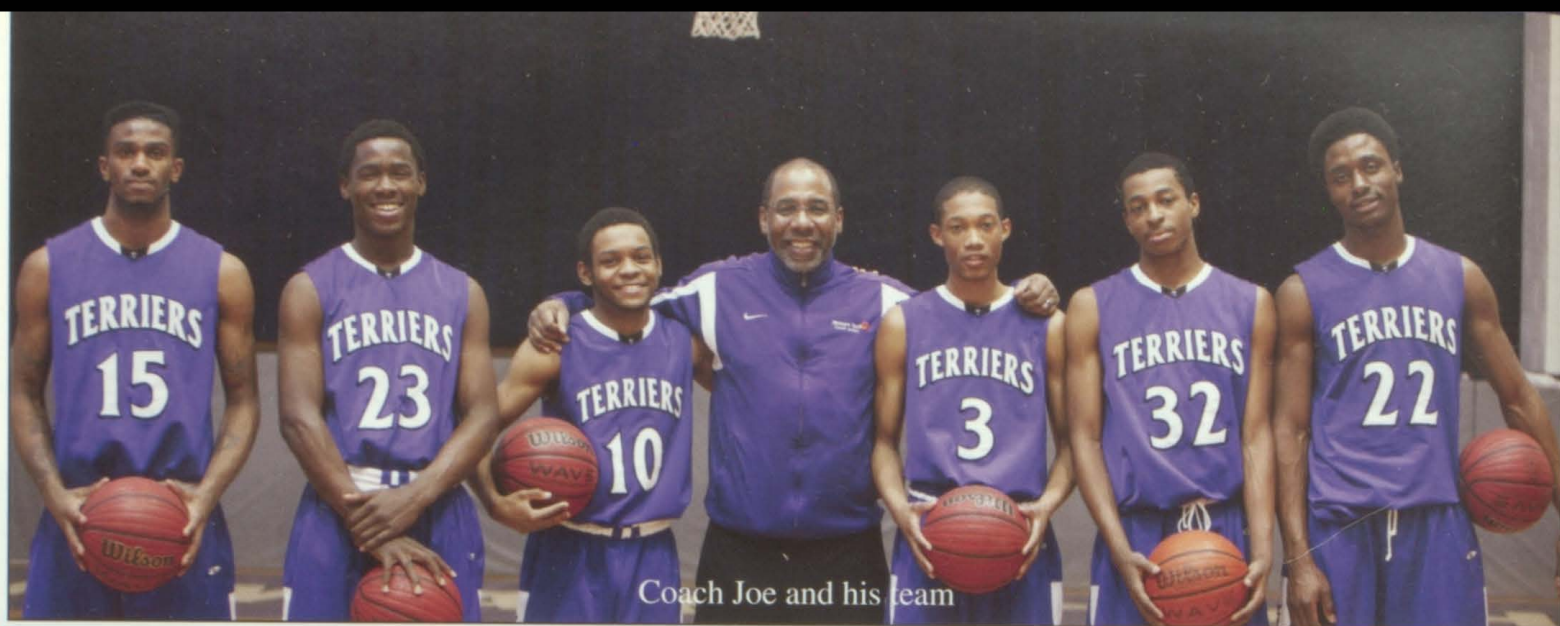


# TOP 5 places students hang out

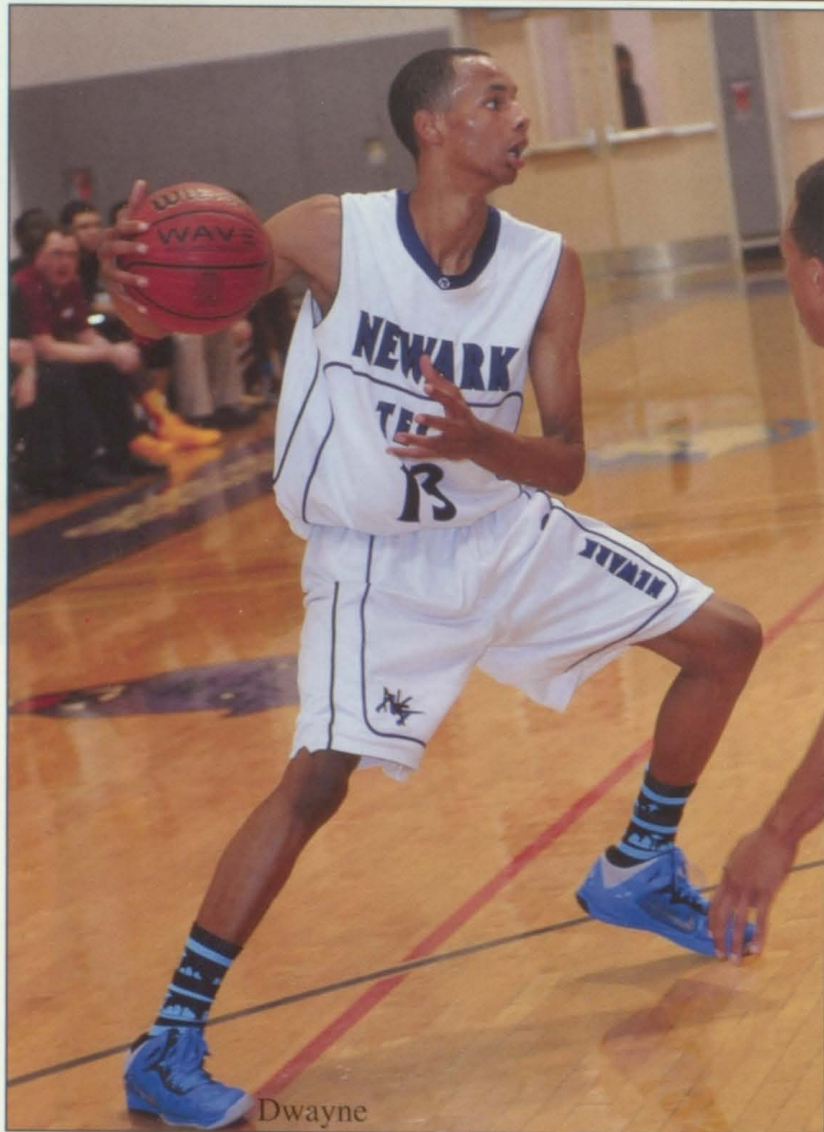
1. Santucci's Room
2. Phillips' Room
3. Gary's Room
4. The Cafeteria
5. Penn Station



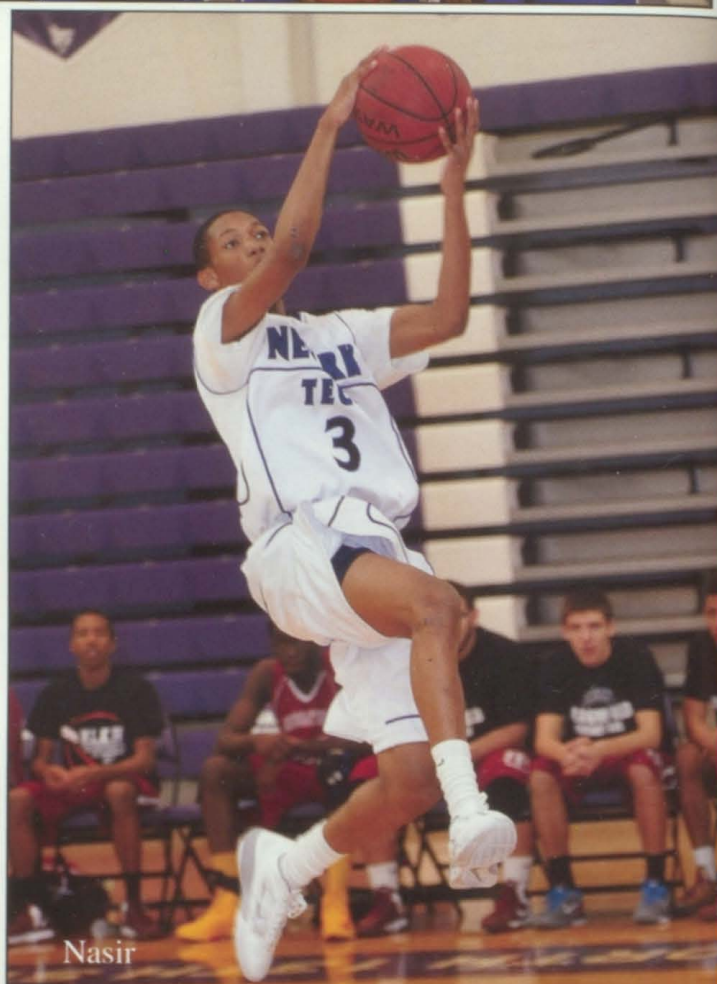




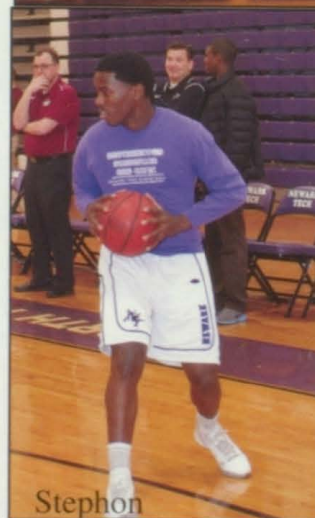
Coach Joe and his team



Dwayne



Nasir



Stephon



Al-Tariq

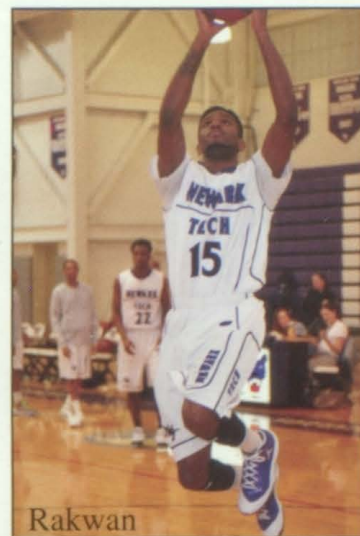
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Tyree

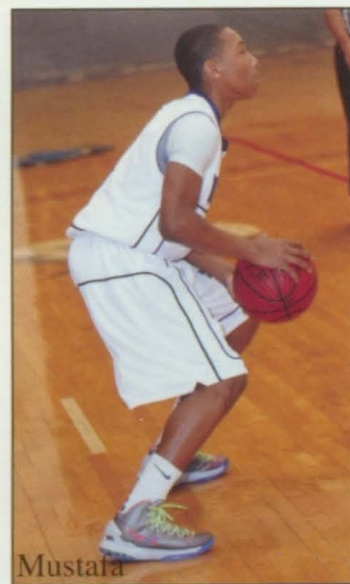
Kemoko



Rakwan



Justin



Mustafa





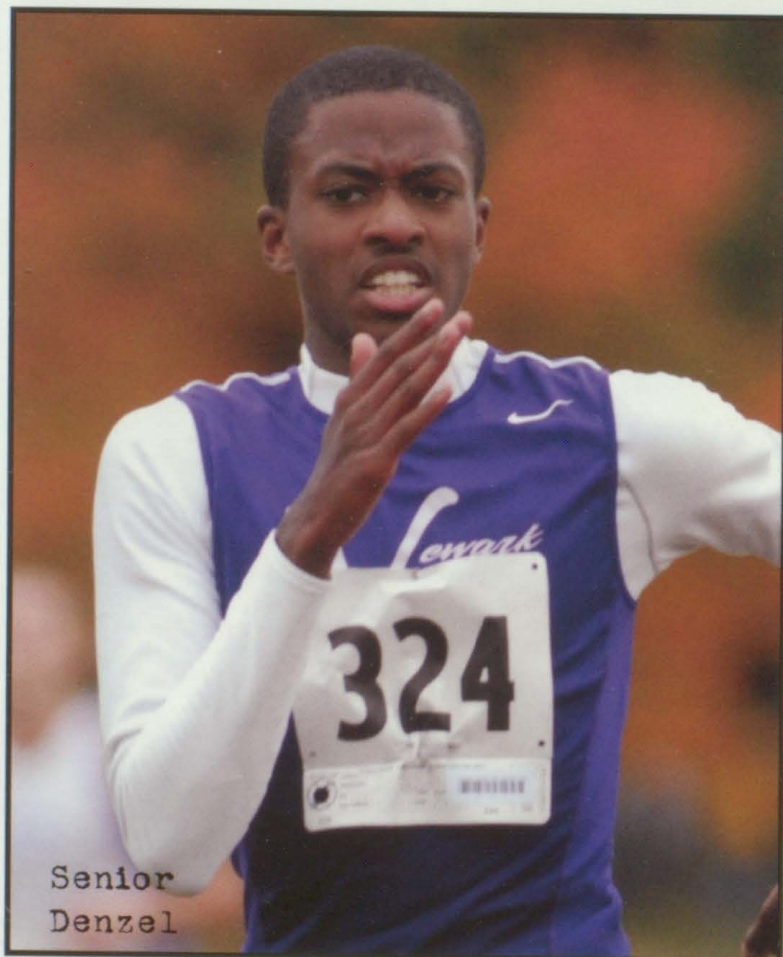
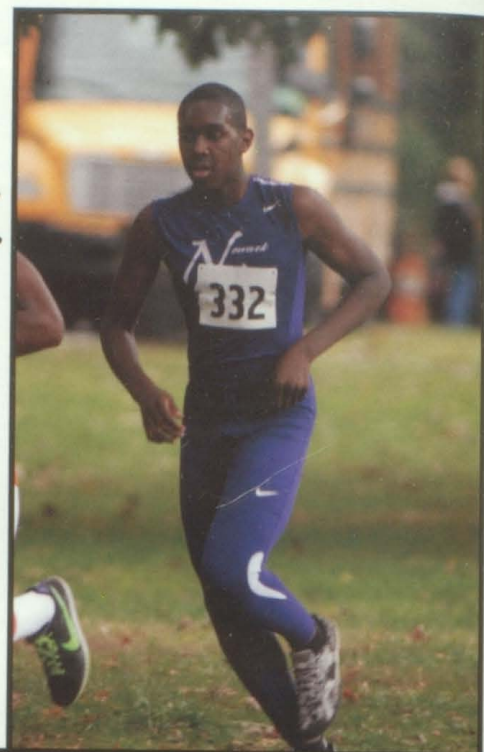
Cheer







# Cross Country and Winter Track



Senior  
Denzel

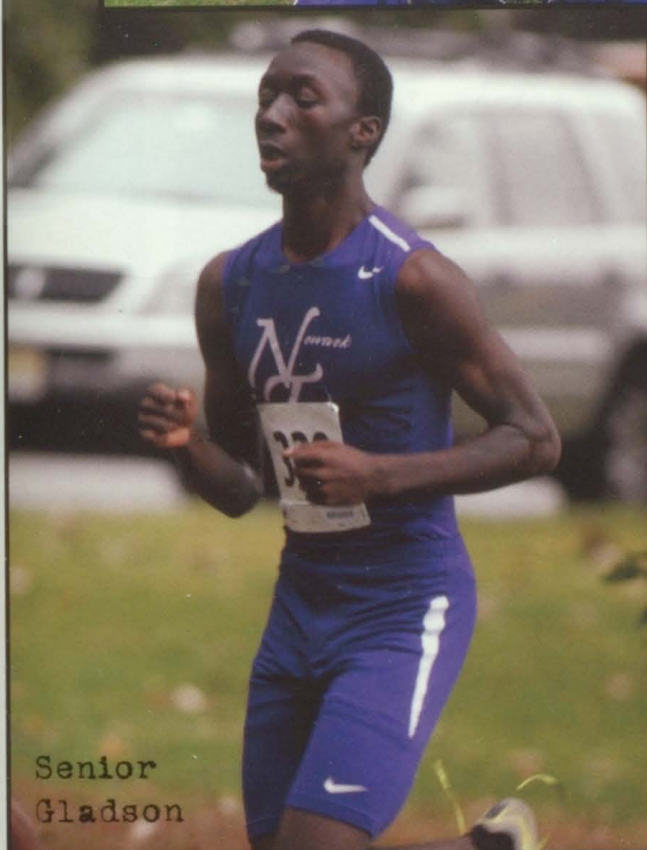


Senior  
Natalia

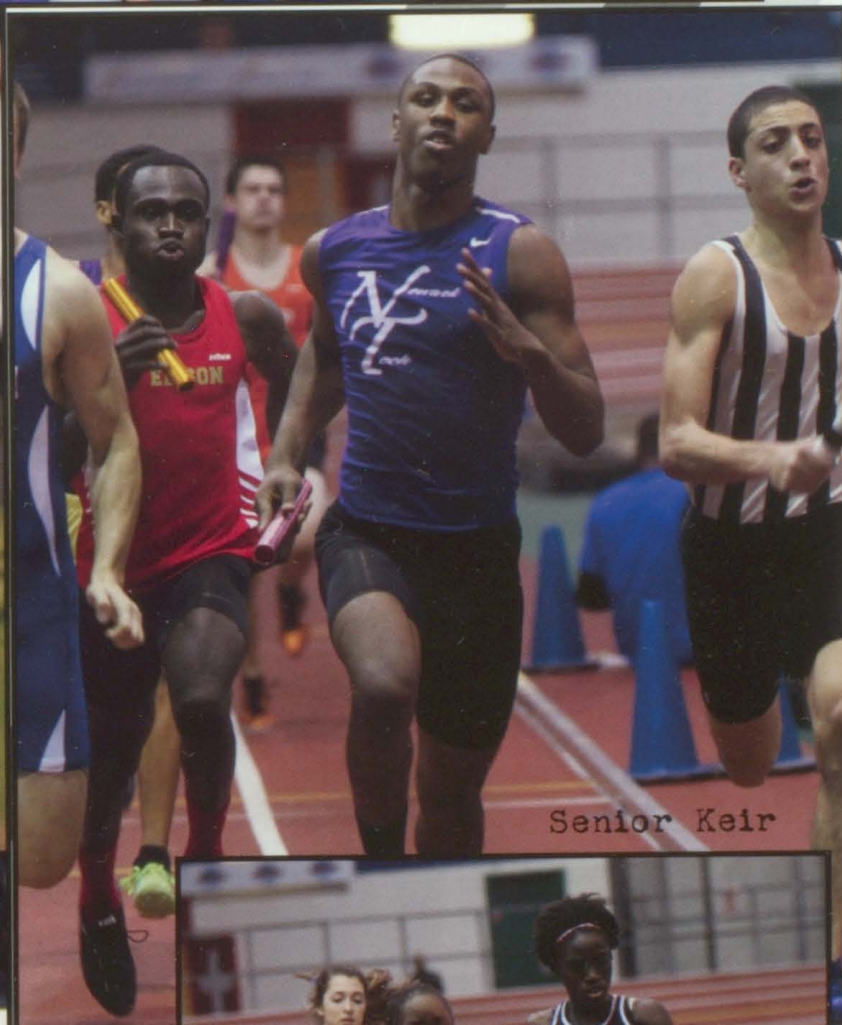




Coach Green  
Coach Constantino



Senior  
Gladson



Senior Keir





# Varsity Girls Basketball

Kianna and Dawn







*Coach O'Bryant and her team*

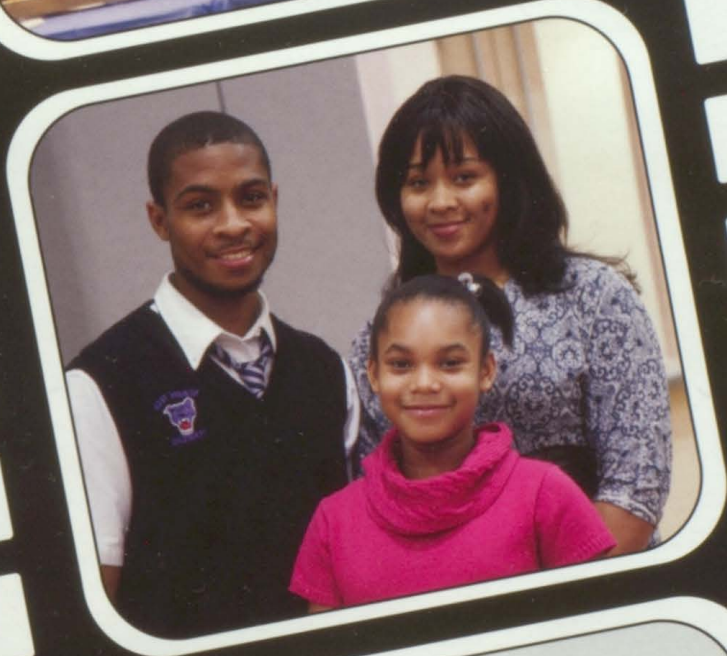








# National Honor Society



Hard work +  
dedication =  
success



# Senior hall of fame



**"Most Athletic"**  
Jehoshua and Essence



**"Most Likely to Succeed"**  
Franklin and Wilma



**"Most Creative"**  
Carlos and Star



**"Best Friends"**  
La'Shell and Rachell



**"Future Mr. and Mrs."**  
Denzel and Jayla





**"Loudest Senior"**  
Dwayne and Sheena



**"Quietest"**  
Nikiri



**"Best Dressed"**  
Ryan and Shadeena



**"Teachers' Terror"**  
Brianna Bell



**"Class Clown"**  
Nixon



**"Freshest Sneakers"**  
Justin T.



**"Most Dramatic"**  
Karla

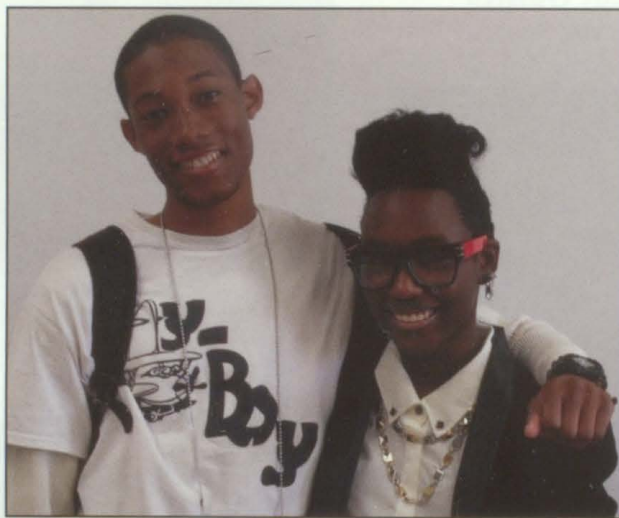
**"Teachers' Terror"**  
Brianna Bell



**"Class Clown"**  
Nixon



# Senior hall of fame



"Best Couple"  
Ja-Naisah and Nasir



"Best Shape"  
Tianna



"Biggest Flirt-Male"  
Ibrahaim



"Best Dancer"  
Rayaana



"Prettiest Eyes"  
Nyya





**"Most Talkative"**  
Tatyanna



**"Biggest Flirt-Female"**  
Imani



**"Best Friends-Tie"**  
Barbara and Sofia



**"Best Personality-Female."**  
Genely



**"Class Clown-Female"**  
Zaniya



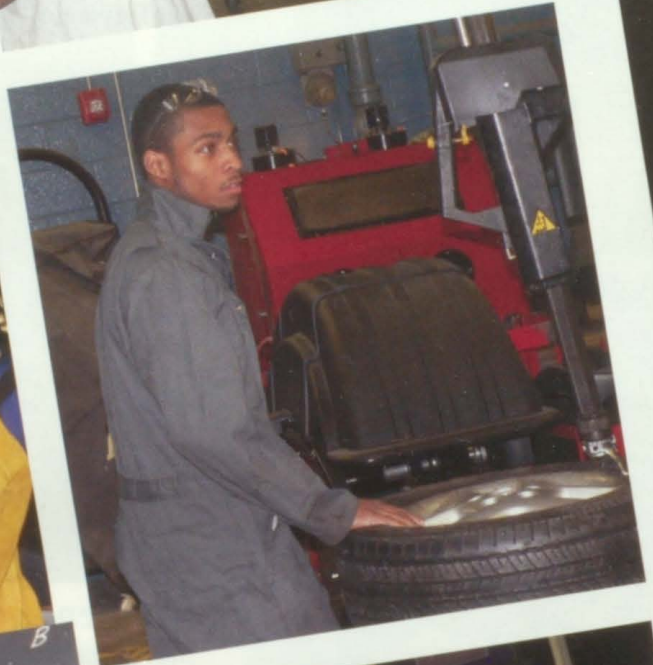
**"Biggest Gaser"**  
Tai



**"Best Personality-Male"**  
Justin Eke

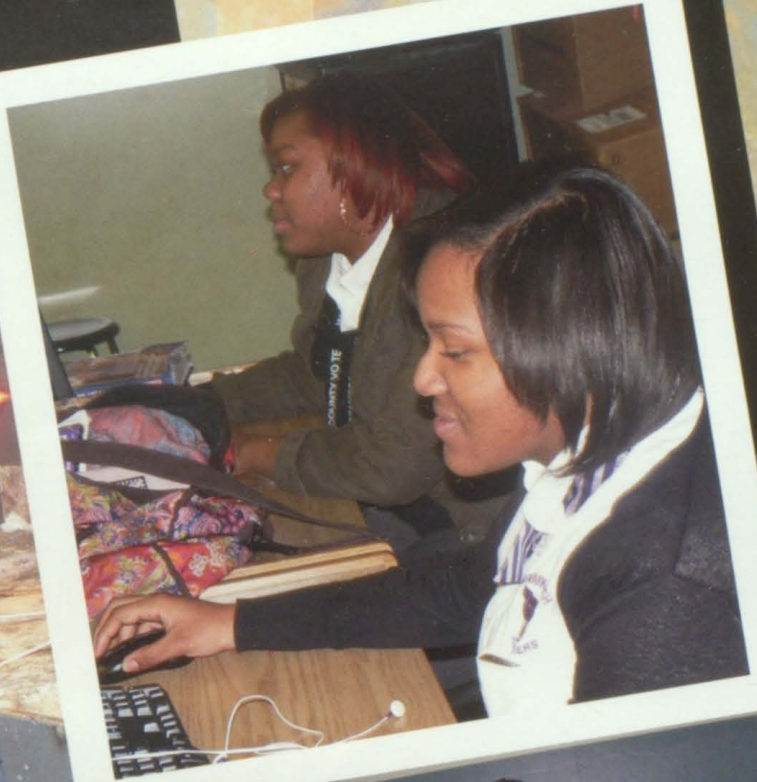


# shops





Dental Assistant, CNA, Computer Systems  
Networking, Computer Maintenance,  
Electronics, Auto body and Repair,  
Automotive Mechanics, Carpentry,  
Mechanical Drafting/Cad, Electrical  
Maintenance and Construction, Plumbing,  
Welding, Business, Music Production

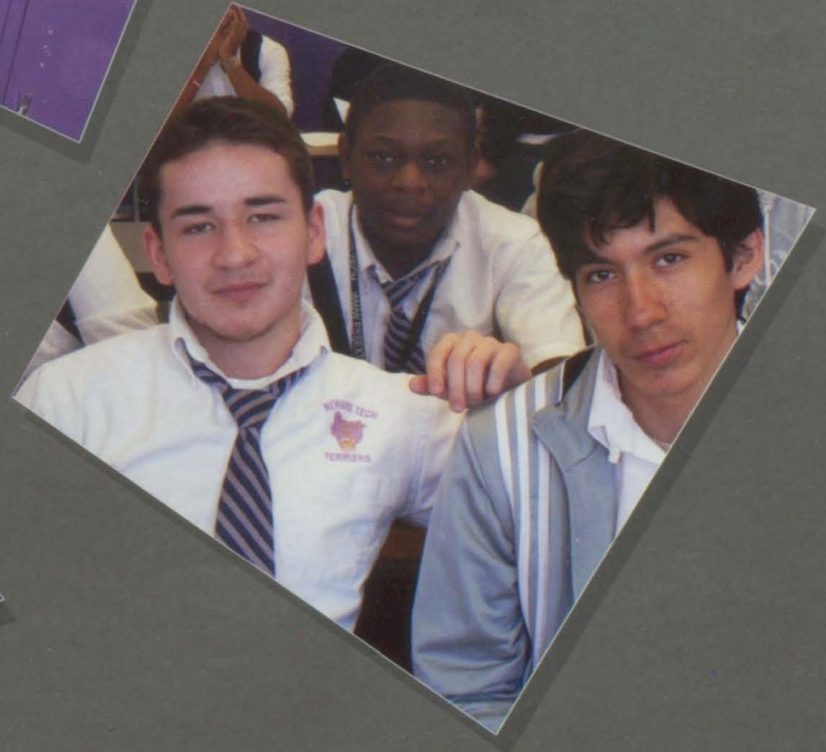
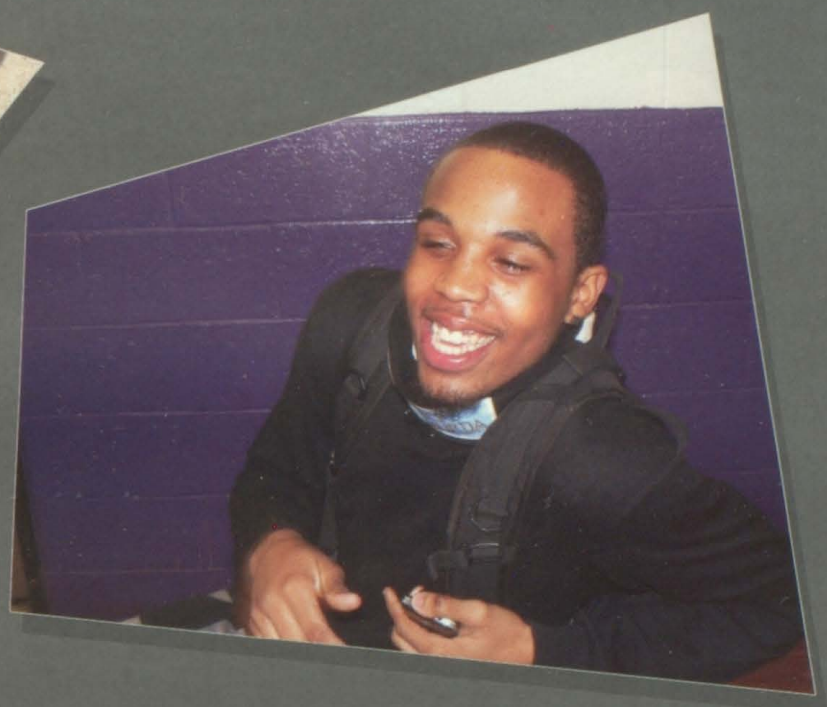




# Beautiful Smiles













# S O A C C O M P L I S H E D





# The Cultural Dance



















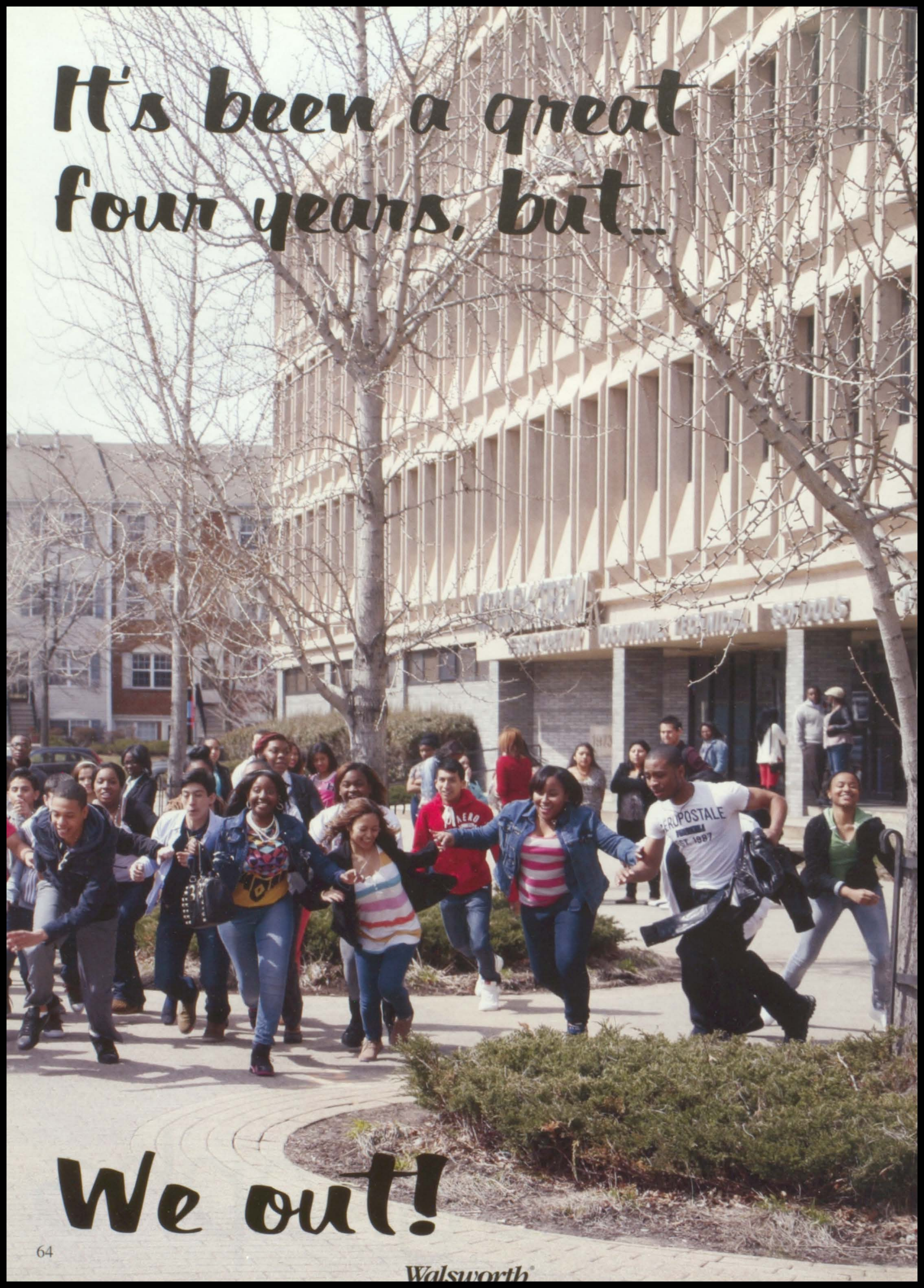




# Autographs



*It's been a great  
four years, but...*



*We out!*





# YEAR IN REVIEW







**GREAT BRITAIN'S PRINCE WILLIAM AND HIS WIFE, CATHERINE,** Duchess of Cambridge, were expecting their first child after 19 months of marriage. William and Kate's child would be third in line for the throne. Kate spent several days in the hospital in late 2012 with extreme morning sickness.



## THE CHANGING FACE OF CONGRESS

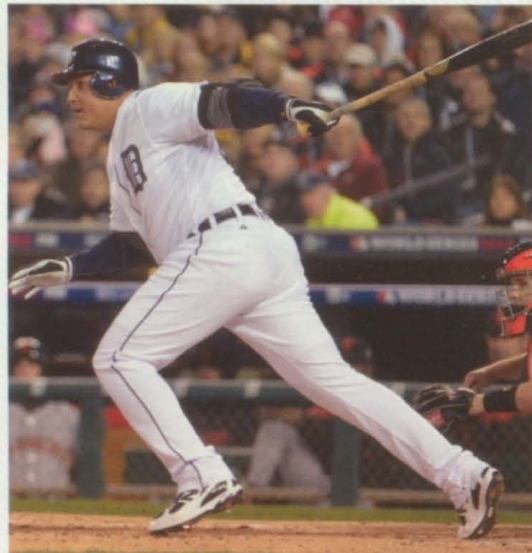
Total members of Congress: 535



Source: MSNBC



**BRITISH POP BAND ONE DIRECTION** released two hit albums in the U.S., making them the latest boy band sensation. One Direction's single "Live While We're Young" set sales records for a non-U.S. artist in its opening week.



**FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 45 YEARS,** a baseball player won the batting Triple Crown when Detroit's Miguel Cabrera led the American League in batting average, home runs and RBI.

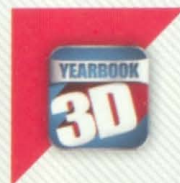


**AFTER 82 YEARS IN OPERATION,** Hostess Brands, the maker of Twinkies, Ding-Dongs and Wonder Bread, closed up shop. The company, which was in bankruptcy, planned to sell its assets, leaving a glimmer of hope that another company would bring back the much-loved confections. The end of Hostess shut down 33 bakeries, 565 distribution centers and 570 bakery outlets, and 18,500 jobs were lost.





**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**, a Democrat, won re-election with 62.6 million votes – 51% of the popular vote and 332 electoral votes – over his opponent, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. Key battleground states, such as Ohio and Florida, went for Obama, as did a majority of women and minority voters. Republicans retained control of the House of Representatives, while Democrats kept control of the Senate.



## CHECK IT OUT!

BRING YEAR IN REVIEW TO LIFE WITH WALSWORTH'S EXCLUSIVE YEARBOOK 3D MOBILE APP. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and download the free Yearbook 3D app.
- Open the app on your phone or tablet and launch the viewfinder.
- Point the viewfinder over any image with the Yearbook 3D icon and hold.
- Watch the video pop off the page!



Photo credit: AP Images

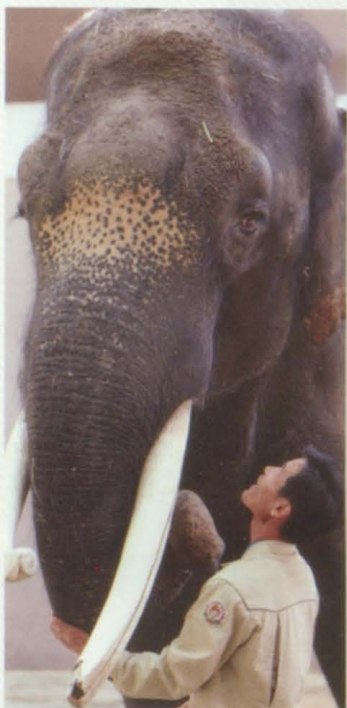
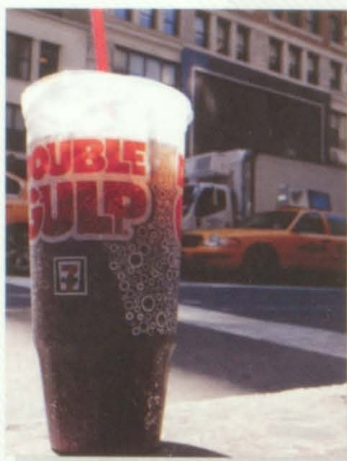


**IT'S PURR-FECT!** A cat was added as the new Monopoly game piece. A vote on Facebook let people decide which new game piece should be added, and which should go. The iron was voted out.



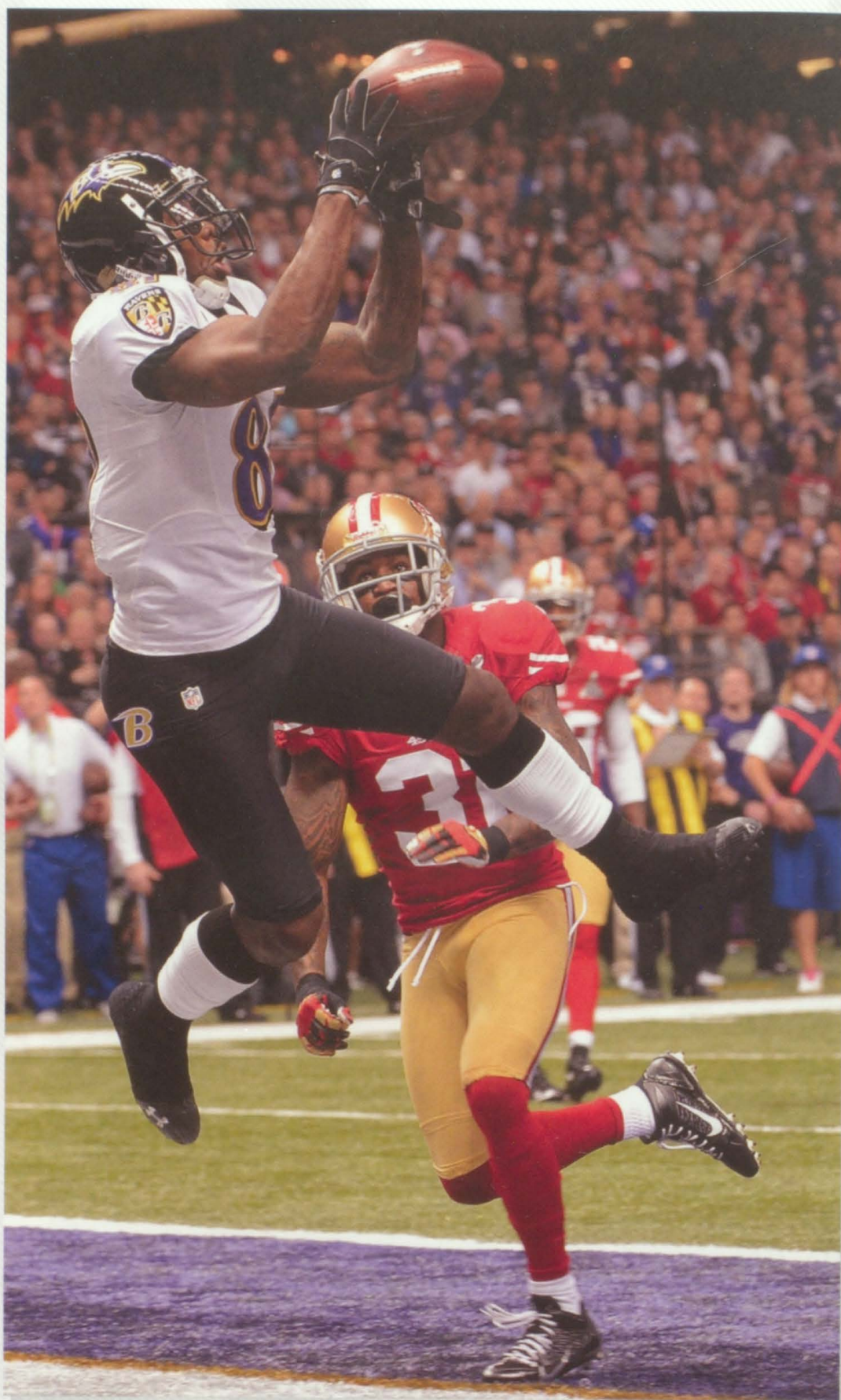
**THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA**, J. Christopher Stevens, was killed along with three others during a terrorist attack on the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi on Sept. 11. Congressional hearings delved into the cause of the attack and the failure to protect the ambassador.





**NO MORE BIG GULP IN NEW YORK CITY.** The sale of sugary drinks 16 ounces or larger was banned in the Big Apple at restaurants, movie theaters and street vendors. The move was the most recent in an effort by Mayor Michael Bloomberg to fight obesity.

**SCIENTISTS CONFIRMED THAT KOSHIK,** a 22-year old-elephant living in a South Korean zoo, had developed the ability to imitate human speech by tucking his trunk inside his mouth. Koshik's vocabulary included the Korean words for hello, no, good, sit down and lie down.



**THE BALTIMORE RAVENS WON SUPER BOWL XLVII IN NEW ORLEANS,** defeating the San Francisco 49ers 34-31. The game featured a brother vs. brother coaching matchup between Baltimore's John Harbaugh and San Francisco's Jim Harbaugh. The Ravens built a huge lead behind quarterback Joe Flacco and receiver Anquan Boldin before holding off a late 49ers rally, while both teams dealt with a 30-minute second half delay due to a power outage in the Superdome.





**FACING A SELF-IMPOSED** Jan. 1 deadline of forced, wide-ranging tax increases and spending cuts known as the "fiscal cliff," Congress passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. The act extended the Bush era tax cuts but raised other taxes, including the Social Security part of the payroll tax. Passage of the act averted a recession at that time, and Congress continued its work by preparing to discuss spending cuts.



**THE SUMMER OLYMPICS** took over London and the world's attention in August. The U.S. won Gold for only the second time ever in the women's gymnastics team event. Gabby Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman, Kyla Ross and Jordyn Wieber became known as the "Fierce Five." Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt became the first man to ever win the 100 and 200 meters in back-to-back Olympics. Swimmer Michael Phelps won six more medals to become the most decorated Olympian ever.



**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE OWNERS** declared a player lockout less than a month before the start of the 2012-13 season. The labor dispute over revenues stretched into the new year, forcing the cancellation of more than 600 games before it was finally settled on Jan. 6, and the season began on Jan. 19.



## NBA 30,000 POINT SCORERS

KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR

38,387

KARL MALONE

36,926

MICHAEL JORDAN

32,292

WILT CHAMBERLAIN

31,419

KOBE BRYANT

30,778

Kobe Bryant became just the fifth player in NBA history to pass the 30,000 career points mark.

Source: ESPN.com (as of Jan. 31, 2013)





**IN OCTOBER, FELIX BAUMGARTNER** set new world records by sky diving about 24 miles above the Earth's surface and reaching a speed of 834 miles per hour during his fall. Baumgartner jumped from a helium balloon flight and successfully landed in New Mexico.



## IN STYLE



- Boots, from chunky ankle to hip high
- Colored denim
- Leather and animal prints
- Embellishments such as rhinestones, glitter, ribbons, studs
- Cloche hats



- Colored denim
- Striped Polo shirts
- Western-style shirts
- Cardigans
- Graphic Tees

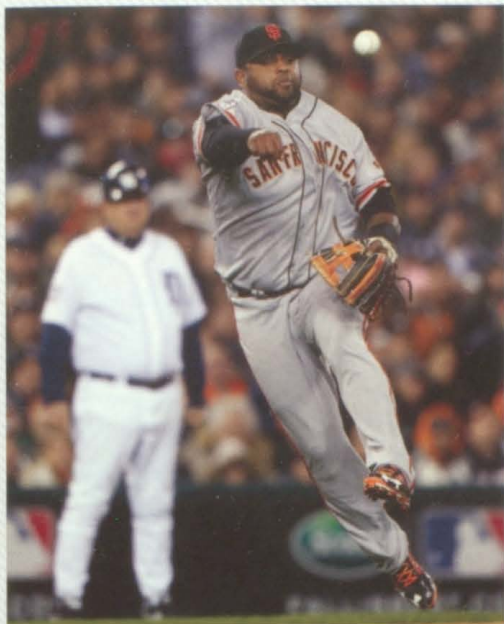


**HURRICANE SANDY BLASTED THE EAST COAST** Oct. 29, killing more than 120 people from the Caribbean to New England. New York City and New Jersey were especially hard hit, leaving millions of residents without power and in short supply of food and gas for weeks. Damage estimates were put at \$42 billion for New York state and \$30 billion for New Jersey. The super storm, 820 miles in diameter, even created surfing conditions on Lake Michigan at Chicago.





**FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE SEASONS,** the San Francisco Giants won the World Series when they swept the Detroit Tigers in four games. San Francisco's Pablo Sandoval hit three home runs in Game 1 and was chosen the series MVP.



## MOST DOWNLOADED SONGS OF 2012

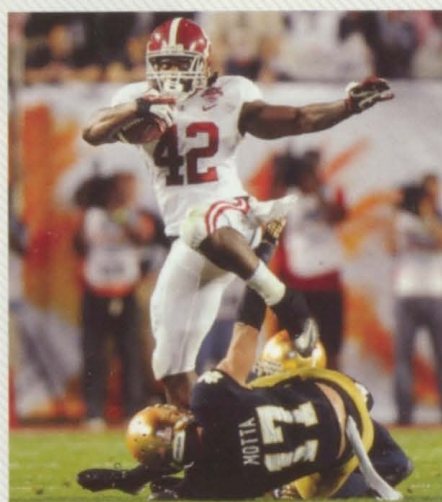
The song "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen (above) sold more than 10 million copies worldwide and earned a Grammy nomination for Song of the Year.

GOYTE	Somebody That I Used To Know	1
CARLY RAE JEPSEN	Call Me Maybe	2
FUN.	We Are Young	3
MAROON 5	Payphone	4
NICKI MINAJ	Starships	5

Source: iTunes



**IT WAS A QUITE A YEAR FOR INDIE ROCK BAND FUN.** Their song "We Are Young" hit number one and became the first song ever to have more than 300,000 digital downloads for seven straight weeks. Fun. scored another top 10 hit with "Some Nights" then followed it up by receiving six Grammy nominations.



**ALABAMA ROLLED** to its second straight national title, and third in four years, by defeating Notre Dame, 42-14, in college football's BCS championship game. Running back Eddie Lacy ran for 140 yards and a touchdown, and was chosen one of the game's MVPs.



### FACEBOOK INCREASED ITS PRESENCE

in our lives. It bought Instagram, the photo-editing and sharing app for Android and iPhone users. It went public and began offering stock, enabling people to own a piece of the company. Facebook put more ads into the news feed of its mobile apps, and analysts waited to see if users adjusted or became annoyed.





**SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A SUPERHERO MOVIE** combines Iron Man, Captain America, Thor and the Incredible Hulk? You get "The Avengers," and you get the biggest opening weekend in American box office history at more than \$200 million and the movie and DVD hit of the year.



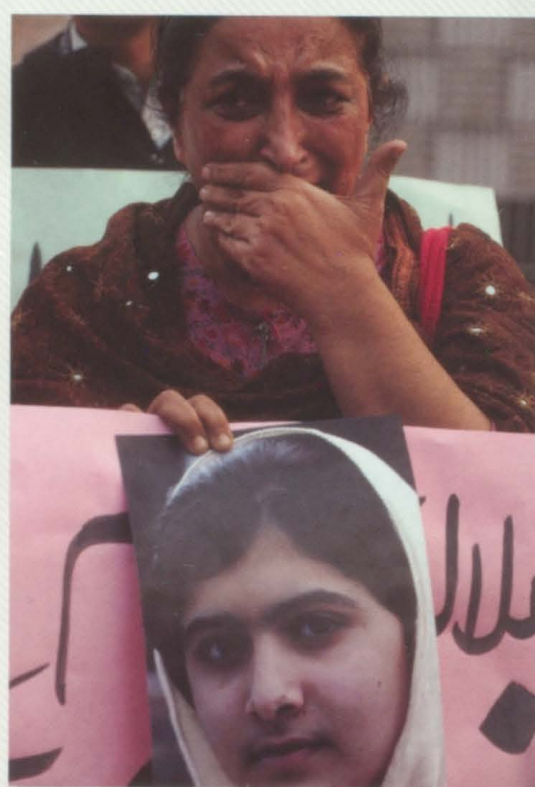
**REALITY TV** of all sorts continued to fascinate audiences. TLC's "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" followed around child beauty pageant contestant Alana "Honey Boo Boo" Thompson and her Georgia family and became one of the highest-rated shows on cable.



**NEWARK, N.J., MAYOR CORY BOOKER** spent one week living on the equivalent of what Americans in the SNAP program eat. People on SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, get about \$30 per week to spend on food. He used Twitter and Facebook to describe his experience.



**SERENA WILLIAMS REGAINED HER STATUS** as the top women's tennis player in the world, winning Wimbledon and the U.S. Open again. Her 15 Grand Slam tennis titles rank sixth on the all-time list.



**PEOPLE WORLDWIDE DECRIED** the attempted assassination of Malala Yousufzai, 14, of Pakistan by the Taliban. She was gunned down for her outspoken criticism of the Taliban's ban on educating girls. She survived and spent months recovering in a hospital in England.





**BRITISH SOCCER STAR DAVID BECKHAM** helped the L.A. Galaxy win their second straight MLS Cup championship, defeating Houston 3-1. The victory allowed Beckham, who had already announced he was leaving L.A. after the season, to leave on top after five years with the Galaxy.



**NEARLY 20% OF U.S. HOUSEHOLDS** had student loan debt, according to the Pew Research Center, and 80% of U.S. adults surveyed by *Time* magazine and Carnegie Corporation said the education they received was not worth the high tuition. College debt was more than \$1 trillion, higher than credit card debt.



**AFTER FLYING MILLIONS OF MILES IN 25 MISSIONS**, the retired Space Shuttle Endeavour made a low-level flight on the back of a 747 across the U.S. to Los Angeles and its new home at the California Science Center. Once at LAX, it was rolled for 12 miles over two days to avoid power lines, trees and other obstacles.

## WHAT IT COST



\$3.42  
Gallon  
of gas



\$3.53  
Gallon  
of milk



\$0.99  
Song on  
iTunes



\$199  
iPhone 5 16GB  
w/contract



\$14.99  
Movie on DVD



\$3.25  
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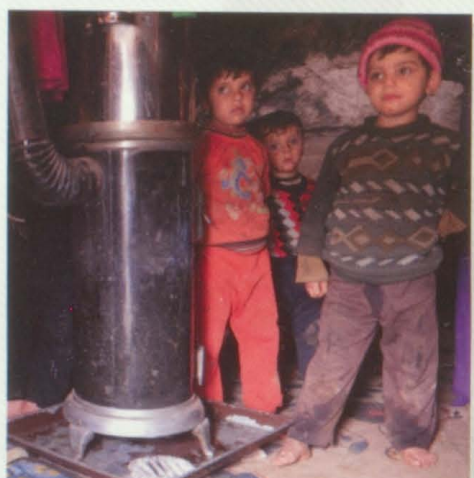


\$3.39  
McDonald's  
Quarter  
Pounder



\$7.99/month  
Netflix





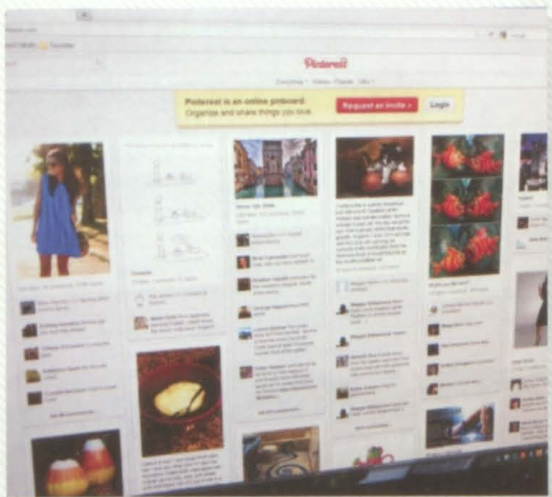
**DRIVER BRAD KESELOWSKI** won the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the first time, winning five races during the 2012 season. Keselowski became just the second driver to win titles on both the Sprint Cup and Nationwide Series.

**IN SYRIA**, the civil war had claimed 60,000 lives over two years, according to the United Nations, causing many families to flee the country or live in caves. Nearby, Israel battled with Hamas for eight days, exchanging rockets and taunts on Twitter. In a first, Israel tweeted a video of an airstrike that killed a Hamas leader.

**LEBRON JAMES ENJOYED QUITE A YEAR**, finally breaking through and winning his first NBA championship with the Miami Heat, then following it up by leading the U.S. to a Gold medal at the Summer Olympics in London.







**THE PINBOARD-STYLE**, photo-sharing website Pinterest became the fastest website to ever break the 10-million unique visitors mark, just two years after its first prototype was launched. Pinterest users created and managed theme-based image collections of events, interests and hobbies.



**FANS OF THE "TWILIGHT" SERIES** finally reached the end when the final movie was released, "Breaking Dawn – Part 2." The last chapter of the Bella/Edward vampire romance wrapped up a saga that started nearly eight years earlier with the release of the first novel.



## TOP DVD SALES



Source: homemediamagazine.com



**FANS LINED UP OUTSIDE OF STORES** in November for the midnight release of "Call of Duty: Black Ops II," the ninth video game in the Call of Duty franchise. The game generated more than \$500 million in sales in the first 24 hours, making it the largest entertainment media opening in history.



**VIEWERS COULDN'T GET ENOUGH MUSIC REALITY SHOWS.** "The Voice" became one of the 10 most watched shows on TV, even with judges Christina Aguilera and Cee Lo Green leaving the show. "American Idol" returned for its 12th season with stars Mariah Carey, Nicki Minaj and Keith Urban now judges.



## TOP BOX OFFICE MOVIES



Source: imdb.com



STEVEN SPIELBERG'S LATEST EPIC, "LINCOLN," led all movies with 12 Oscar nominations. The biographical film on President Abraham Lincoln was joined in the Best Picture category by "Argo," "Les Miserables," "Life of Pi," and "Silver Linings Playbook" among others.



THE YEAR 2012 WAS THE HOTTEST IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, and the second worst for extreme weather, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration said. The severe drought covered 61% of the U.S. at its worst during the year.



Photo credit: AP Images



"THE HUNGER GAMES" became the latest literary pop culture phenomenon to make it to the big screen when the popular novel was turned into one of the hit movies of the year. The futuristic tale of youths forced to fight in a lethal series of games resonated with teens.





**POP/COUNTRY STAR TAYLOR SWIFT** released her newest album "Red" and it spent six weeks at the top of the Billboard charts. Swift was the first musical artist to have three straight albums accomplish that feat since The Beatles did it 43 years earlier.



**QUARTERBACK PEYTON MANNING MADE A SUCCESSFUL COMEBACK** from neck surgery. After being released by Indianapolis, Manning signed with Denver and led the Broncos to a 13-3 record and was named to his 12th Pro Bowl.



**WHOEVER SAID YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR** had not heard of MOOCs – massive open online courses. MOOCs were free, and courses were taught by professors from major universities such as Stanford and Harvard. More than one million people attended such classes, although the completion rate was low.



**CLARK KENT, A.K.A. SUPERMAN**, quit his reporting job at *The Daily Planet* newspaper in a huff. His next career move was unknown but there was talk he might start a blog. Amid that change, *Mad* magazine, and its mascot Alfred E. Newman, rolled past its 60th anniversary, continuing its blazing satire and questioning of authority.



**POPE BENEDICT XVI** announced in mid-February that he would step down as the leader of the Roman Catholic Church on Feb. 28, the first time in almost 600 years a pope has left the post. Benedict, 85, said advanced age led to his decision. A new pope was expected to be in place by Easter.





**MORTGAGE RATES FELL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**, leading more people to buy houses and improving the housing market. The rate for a 30-year loan in 2012 hit a 65-year low, and the rate in early 2013 was lower than that at 3.38%.

**AFTER AN 8-MONTH VOYAGE**, NASA's Curiosity rover reached Mars and made a successful landing on the red planet. The robotic spacecraft was expected to explore the climate and geology on Mars over the next two years.

**MORE PRIVATE COMPANIES** began getting involved in commercial spaceflight. One such company, SpaceX, made history when one of its spacecraft became the first from a private company to deliver cargo to the International Space Station.



**TEXAS A&M QUARTERBACK JOHNNY MANZIEL** won the Heisman Trophy after becoming the first freshman to ever pass for more than 3,000 yards and run for more than 1,000 in a season. Manziel, nicknamed "Johnny Football" by fans, led the Aggies to 11 wins.



**LANCE ARMSTRONG**, the American cyclist who famously won the Tour de France seven times while also overcoming cancer, was charged with using performance-enhancing drugs by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Armstrong was stripped of his titles and banned from cycling for life. Armstrong later confessed to using the banned substances during a national TV interview with talk show host Oprah Winfrey.



## MOST POPULAR FACEBOOK GAMES

SONGPOP

DRAGON CITY

BIKE RACE

SUBWAY SURFERS

ANGRY BIRDS FRIENDS

Source: Associated Press



**FACING RECORD LOSSES IN THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS**, the U.S. Postal Service announced plans to cut Saturday mail service. Under the plan, Saturday mail delivery would stop in August, but on that day post offices would be open and packages would be delivered.



**ENERGY DRINKS AND ENERGY SHOTS** were studied by the Food and Drug Administration after reports of 13 deaths and 33 people hospitalized. The government's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration also said emergency room visits doubled to 20,000 since 2007 as a result of the drinks, with most of those visits by teens and young adults.



**CRITICS PRAISED JUSTIN BIEBER'S LATEST ALBUM, "BELIEVE,"** and hit single "Boyfriend" because it moved away from a teen pop sound toward R&B. The singer's fans were heartbroken that his romance with fellow pop star Selena Gomez ended after two years.





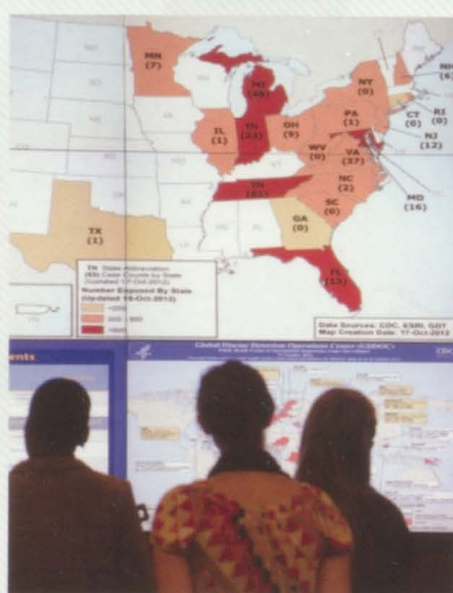
**SOUTH KOREAN POP STAR PSY** released the hit single "Gangnam Style" and in less than six months the song's music video became the most watched viral video of all-time with more than a billion views on YouTube. In the process, PSY became famous worldwide.



**"THE DARK KNIGHT RISES"** capped off the recent "Dark Knight" trilogy of Batman movies to huge audiences and critical acclaim. The most recent film reintroduced Selina Kyle as Catwoman and saw Batman battling the powerful Bane.



**DISNEY BOUGHT THE RIGHTS TO THE STAR WARS** franchise for just over \$4 billion. Immediately after making the purchase, Disney announced plans for a new trilogy of movies, with the next film scheduled for release in 2015.



**AT LEAST 32 PEOPLE DIED** and more than 460 became ill from a non-contagious form of fungal meningitis. The Centers for Disease Control said the outbreak was caused by contaminated steroid injections received by about 13,000 people.



**MORE PEOPLE WERE BUCKLING UP**, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Seat belt use increased every year since 1994, and in 2012, 86% of all drivers and passengers heeded the national safety campaign to "Click It or Ticket."



**OMG, TEXTING CELEBRATED** its 20th anniversary. The first text message was "Happy Christmas," sent from a computer to a very large cell phone over the network of Vodafone, a communications company. Now, approximately six billion texts are sent daily in the U.S.



